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Date of Sailing. 1904.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
Saturday, 2 p.m.				
30th Apl.	ARABIA	7923	.....	.....
7th May	PENINSULAR	6294	CHINA	7912
14th "	MOLDAVIA	9777	.....	.....
21st "	ORIENTAL	6894	HIMALAYA	6898
28th "	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
4th June	PENINSULAR	6294	MARMORA	10500
11th "	CALEDONIA	7558	.....	.....
18th "	ORIENTAL	6894	INDIA	7911
25th "	PENINSULAR	6294	.....	.....

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† MARIA VALERIE	P. Berberovich	4,236	20th June "

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H. G. GELL,
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... 25th April, 1904.

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23	23 1	50 12	38 0	31 15	64 9	47 12	38 1	23
24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
25	24 2	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
26	24 11	53 2	39 15	33 9	64 15	48 3	38 10	26
27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27
28	25 15	54 14	41 4	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	48 12	39 6	29
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
31	27 15	57 13	43 10	36 11	65 13	49 4	40 0	31
32	28 11	58 14	44 7	37 6	66 0	49 8	40 6	32
33	29 8	59 15	45 4	38 2	66 4	49 13	40 12	33
34	30 6	61 1	46 2	38 15	66 8	50 2	41 3	34
35	31 5	62 4	47 1	39 12	66 13	50 8	41 10	35
36	32 5	63 8	48 0	40 10	67 2	50 14	42 2	36
37	33 5	64 12	49 0	41 9	67 8	51 5	42 11	37
38	34 6	66 1	50 1	42 9	67 14	51 13	43 5	38
39	35 8	67 6	51 3	43 8	68 4	52 5	43 15	39
40	36 11	68 12	52 5	44 9	68 11	52 14	44 10	40
41	38 6	70 3	53 8	45 11	69

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, APRIL 28.

The Bombay Mails of 16th instant, arrived at Brindisi yesterday.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	89	= + 5-16
3 do. Rentes	99⅞ 3-4	= unchanged
3½ do. Indian Sterling Loan	£105	= do
4½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£85 3-4	= do

SILVER—

Spot in London	25 3-8	= do
2 months hence	25 1-8	= — 1-16
Spot in New York	55	= — 1-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25 10⅞	= — 1
Berlin "	20 43 3-4	= — 1-4
New York Demand	4 85 7-8	= — 1-8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	3 per cent	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	2 3-8 per cent	= do
6 " " "	2 1-2 per cent	= do
" " Fine " Trade Bills	2 5-8 per cent	= do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	2 7-8 per cent	= do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	2 1-4 per cent	= + 3-8
7 day market loans	1 7-8 per cent	= + 1-8

Extra Council bills allotments Bills on Bombay } is 4 1-16d.
" " Madras Rs. 10,000 }

SUGAR—German granulated 1st marks 10 3-4. M.-A. Firm.

WHEAT—

Club No. 1 29 6-8.	A.-M.	Value.	
White Delhi 29	M.-J.	Value.	Steady.
Red Karachi 27 7-8	M.-J.	Sellers.	

RAPESEED—

Yellow Gujerat	32	A.-M.	Sellers } Easier.
Yellow Cawnpore	31 1-4	J.-M.	Sellers }

COFFEE—Coffee in New York, 7 1-8.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed steady. Surats dull. Manchester steady. Total sales 8,000. Spot 7·78 + 2. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 3-4. Sold on speculation and for Export 200. Imports 9,000. Arrivals closed easier.

April-May	May-June.	June-July
7·46 — 5	7·42 — 5	7·39 — 5
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
7·34 — 6	7·10 — 6	6·41 — 5
Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
6·14 — 4	6·07 — 3	6·03 — 4

Receipts at U. S. Ports	4,000
Do. last year	10,000
Exports to Great Britain	2,000
Do. do Continent	4,000

In New York—

Spot	13·85
Futures, month of July	13·75 — 7
Do. do. December	11·27 — 5

In New Orleans—

Spot	14·
Futures, month of July	14·13 — 16
Do. do. Oct.	11·15 — 5
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Thursday, 28th April, 1904 :—

Cotton	10,002 bales.
Wheat	30,165 cwts.
Linseed	21,940 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard	22,933 "
Gingellyseed	2,917 "
Poppyseed	5,980 "
Groundnuts	226 "
Castorseed	1,490 "
Rice	53,994 "
Myrabolams	2,044 "
Cottonseed	9,718 "
Mowraseed	37 "
Gram	517 "
Joowar	4,619 "
Maize	246 "

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, APRIL 28.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed ..... steady
Surats ..... "
Good Broachwood ..... steady
The Manchester Market has been—

21-2 per cent Consols	89
3 per cent Rentes	97 3-4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	103
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	65 3-4
Bar Silver	25 3-8

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results :—Total Bullion £31,533,409. Unchanged ; Public Deposits £8,10,5,000. Unchanged ; Other Deposits £14,900,000 ; Decrease £1,300,000. Government Securities £17,300,000. Unchanged. Other Securities £7,540,000. Decrease £3,100,000 ; Notes and Gold £24,500,000. Decrease £100,000. The Banks Reserve is 50 per cent. of the Liabilities.

Bombay Mails of 16th instant arrived Brindisi yesterday.

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 29.

As is usual at the present season of the year, heavy shipments are in progress, and are likely to continue until the monsoon arrive, but all this is in completion of previous contracts, and complaints are general of the absence of fresh orders from home for our articles of exports. Oilseeds are abnormally low in price due to a succession of favourable crops throughout the world, and with very large stocks in hand buyers are now holding off. The arrivals of cotton seed in Bombay to date show a reduction of just fifty per cent. compared with last year, which is due, presumably, to the absence of demand from Europe, even at current low prices. In cotton we have had a dull week and the trade has chiefly been occupied in the adjustment of contracts for the settlement which took place on the 25th instant. The sad news of the death of Mr. John R. Greaves, of Messrs. Greaves Cotton and Co., on his voyage home, was received with deep regret in Bombay on Monday evening, and the Banks and several of the leading firms in Bombay closed on Tuesday afternoon, out of respect to his memory. Owing to a pressure of business due to the settlement of the previous day, the Cotton Trade Association rooms could not close on Tuesday, but they are to be entirely closed on Saturday.

COTTON.

We have this week again experienced a fluctuating market in Americans. No special reasons are assigned for the decline which took place early in the week, but it is possibly due to the indifference of the bull clique after the failure of Mr. Sully, and present prices may now be more dependant on the actual supply and demand of the trade. The statistical position is very strong and at any time a renewed bull movement may be expected from spectators. But any such advance in price in Americans would react but slightly on Surats as it is the shortage in the former which is so severely felt by the trade. This shortage has to some extent been reduced by shipments of East Indians, and judging by the scant enquiry now coming for our crops, it is probable that Spinners have filled up their wants and are unwilling to continue their purchases at our present high rates.

The following are the daily prices of spot middling cotton in Liverpool and New York since last mail left :—

	Liverpool	New York.
April 22nd	7·90	14·00
" 23rd	7·82	14·00
" 25th	7·68	13·75
" 26th	7·74	13·75
" 27th	7·76	13·85
" 28th	7·78	13·85

In our local market, business has been very slack and the chief purchases reported by exporters are on account of previous contracts falling due on the 25th instant, not tendered or invoiced back. The enquiry for high class stapled descriptions exists to a very moderate extent, while other grades are entirely neglected. There is a moderate stock at Colaba of the lower qualities for which there is no demand at current prices. The local mills cannot afford to buy at the present rates for the manufactured article and there is no enquiry from exporters for such cotton.

Official prices show a slight decline on the week, but in the absence of business quotations are more or less nominal. The Sutta market is quiet and for new crops, we quote, fully good Bengal Rs. 182, 25th January delivery, and good M. G. Broach Rs. 235, 25th March, 1905.

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts for the week	69,342
Receipts from 1st Oct. to April 28th	16,38,377
Shipments for 8 days to Europe	16,048
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	19,300
Total	35,348
Shipments from 1st Oct. to April 28th	
Europe	7,39,292
Japan	227,031
China	20,091
Coast Ports	9,332
Total	9,96,996
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	30,246
China, Japan, and Coast Ports	74

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone quiet.

Estimated sales	8,000		
Imports	sales	17,000	
April-May	May-June,	June-July,	
7·47 +1	7·43	7·40 +1	
July-Aug.	Aug-Sept	Sept-Oct	
7·35 +1	7·10	6·41	
Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	
6·15 +1	6·08 +1	6·06 +1	

The following are the official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Delivery
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry.terms)	247	233	226	April 30.
Bengals (M.-G.) (Ry.terms)	256	244	...	"
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	256	244	...	"
Oomrawatee(descriptions)M.-G.	254	248	...	"
Khandeish (M.-G.)	246	238	...	"
Jalgaum do.	247	239	...	"
Khandwa do.	...	...	...	"
Khangaum fair staple (M-G)	258	251	...	"
Karanja do. do.				
Akola do. do.				
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (MG)	252	255	...	
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)	267	260	...	
Broach (M.-G.)	320	310	...	
Do (M.G.)	312	...	...	May 25
Bhownugger (M'G.)	275	265	...	April 30
Do. (H.G.)	271	261	...	"
Mutia (M. G.)	256	244	...	"
Dharwar (S.-G)	...	...	280	May 25
Western	...	...	262	"
Surat	325	315	...	April 30
Dhollera M-G.	277	267	...	"
Do H G	274	264	...	do
Comptа M G	...	...	292	May 25

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

Prices of oil seeds continue to decline from day to day, even at the very low rates now current, business however has been put through this week. Altogether some 3,000 bales have changed hands. China keeps very steady with a moderate offtake.

METALS.

Copper and Yellow metal are dull with nothing doing. Prices locally have a declining tendency. Iron and Steel are quiet but steady with very little forward business reported. The same remarks apply to Spelter and Pig lead.

COALS.

The market is quiet and only a few retail transactions are reported at former rates.

SHARES.

The market is steady. Bank of Bombay shares are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1,285. In Press companies Mofussils have improved to Rs. 525 New Berars to Rs. 520. Indian Cotton to Rs. 165, Harvey and Sabapathy to Rs. 615, Volkarts to Rs. 1,050. In mill companies, Central Indias have been reported to have changed hands at and about Rs. 1,515 to Rs. 1,520, after once touching Rs. 1,500 in the beginning of the week. Swadeshis are unchanged at Rs. 850, Kohinoors are quiet at Rs. 353 ; Davids at Rs. 215, Currimbhais at Rs. 610, Chinas at Rs. 555 Colaba Land and Mill shares are unchanged at Rs. 375. James Greaves mill shares are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 220, Jamsheds at Rs. 62 1-2 and transactions in Leopolds are reported at Rs. 65. Framji Petits are steady at Rs. 680, Manekji Petits have ruled at and about Rs. 1,920, Morarjees have advanced to Rs. 1,800, Sholapurs to Rs. 1,900. Southern Marathas to Rs. 105. Standards are unchanged at Rs. 365. In Miscellaneous, Companies, Alcocks are in demand at Rs. 270. Bombay Burmahs have improved to Rs. 7,500 at which rate they are quiet and quarter shares to Rs. 1,900, Badham Piles are unchanged at Rs. 156, Ice-imps are unchanged and in demand at Rs. 282. Bombay Telephones have changed hands at Rs. 2-4, Bombay Ice Company's shares have changed hands at Rs. 40, and Kurrachi Ice company, at Rs. 34. In Railway Companies Ahmedabad Prantej have changed hands at Rs. 487 1-2. Tapti Valleys have declined to Rs. 380 X.D. The rest are all unchanged.

A SOLUTION OF THE SLUM PROBLEM.

COMPLAINTS are rife that the rents charged under all the London County Council rehousing schemes seem beyond the means of the dispossessed slum population, remarks a London paper But a solution of the difficulty of building cheap houses appears to have been discovered at Liverpool. Briefly, the plan takes the form of a concrete building made from refuse destructor clinker. A method is being perfected by which the whole side of a house can be moulded in one piece, and the fronts, sides, floors and roofs will then be hoisted into position and bolted together Four-roomed tenements constructed on this principle and let at four shillings a week, will, it is claimed, yield a large profit. A fatal objection to this solution for London problems lies in the characteristic humour of Cockaigne. The caustic wit of the average East Ender would inevitably be exercised at the expense of acquaintances domiciled in dwellings made from "rubbish destructor clinkers," and would probably prove a perennial occasion for sanguinary encounters.

DIVINE SERVICES.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

IV SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

6-30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral Tours in T.
Hymns—211, 591, 318 and 189.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
5 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Hymns—207, 586 and 587.
Collections for—C. H. Schools,
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

(Ballasis Road, opposite Byculla Club.)

8 30 a. m.—Morning Service.
6 p.m.—Evening Service,
5 p.m.—Sunday School. Speaker I.F. Low.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.

(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service Preacher—Rev. C Ryder-Smith B A.
5 p.m.—Evening Service. Preacher—Rev. C. Ryder-Smith B. A.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-30 to 9-30 a.m.—Social Hour.

(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)

9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev Arthur J. Reynell.
6 p.m.—Preacher—Rev. Arthur J. Reynell.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6 a. m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral)
10 a. m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral)—Peacher Rev Father Nicholson Alms for Church Expenses.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.

(Madras Time.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion.
8-30 a.m.—Matins.
Hymns—Ps. and 136.
5-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by Rev. R. S. Heywood C. M. S.
Hymns—125, 220 and 436.

CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, BANDORA.

11 a.m.—Matins, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Communion.
Hymns—188, 182 and 320.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

8 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon.
Offertories for C. M. S. Missions to country.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—(Choral).
Hymns—411, 154, 321, 184 and 299.
4.45 p. m.—Sunday School.
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—411, 302 and 305.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—231, 199 and 193.
5 p. m.—Children's Service.
6 p. m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—411, 297 and 432.
Offertories for Church Expenses.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion.
7 a.m.—Parade Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Offertories—during the day for Church Expenses.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

(Wandby Road.)

8 a.m—Sunday School.
11 a. m.—United service, (St Andrew's Church.)
5 p.m.—Evening Service Rev. Alex. S. Crichtan. Holy Communion.
Hymns—461, 237 and 411.
Psalm—23 and 103.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

(Church of Scotland.)

11 a. m.—Morning Service.
6 p.m.—Evening Service,
Psalm—95.
Hymn—102.
Hymn—192.
Hymn—197.
Paraphrase—35,
Psalm—1st.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

APRIL 29.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN—Via Teheran, perfect Via Turkey perfect, Via Suez, perfect.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE—Via Teheran, perfect Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez perfect.
AMERICA—Via Brest perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA—Via Penang, perfect. via Amoor prefert.
CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Hiamo, interrupted.
AFRICA—Via Aden, perfect, Via Cadiz Tenerife, perfect Via Lisbon. St. Vincent, perfect.
Cable Cayenne—Pinheros, interrupted 4-3-03).
Cable Dominique—Martinique, and St, Lucia—Martinique interrupted.
Telegrams will be conveyed frequently by steamers (14-5-03)
Cable communication with Martinique is open via Lisbon and Cadiz.
Telegrms are accepted at sender's risk, and Code addresses should not be used. (4-8-03).
Cables between Vladivostok and Nagasaki are closed for an indefinite period to all classes of telegrams, (18-2-04).
The Vladivostok Route being temporarily closed.
Telegrams via China for Europe and places beyond should bear in the preamble the indication via Kiachto the charges are the same as by the Vladivostock route, (25-2-04).
Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 29th April, 1904.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via,	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes
Turkey	27	4	25 p.m.	49	41
Teheran	23	2	4 p.m.	..	49
Suez	29	2	55 p.m.	...	5

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. 29th April, 1904.

	Maximum Time H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	0	45	0	1
" Karachi	0	11	0	2
" Madras	0	41	0	11

PERHAPS to the ordinary person the idea of the motorist as a public benefactor is not readily appreciated. It is, however, perfectly true, as the "Law Times" remarks, that the ordinary user of the roads, whether on foot or on horseback, on cycle or in carriage, will have largely to thank the motorist for bringing about a more wholesome regard for the public safety in the matter of unlighted vehicles left in obstructing positions projecting and invisible loads, gross negligence on the part of local authorities. It is a somewhat absurd anomaly, adds our legal contemporary, that the fastest vehicles on the road should be the only ones compelled to show a red rear light.

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PIECE GOODS.

THE Market for Whites continues steady and prices remain unchanged with a moderate demand from up-country. For Greys there has been fair demand and prices in many cases have been materially raised. Indent business, however, for forward deliveries is not yet possible, as Manchester quotations still continue to be higher than the level of prices ruling here. For Fancies, and Dyed goods and Prints, demand is rather brisk and prices have gone up. Fair lines of indent business are reported to have been placed. On the whole the tone of the Bazar is more encouraging and the feeling all round is healthy.

LOCAL YARNS.

The Yarn Market is steady with more disposition on the part of Shippers to buy. Only a small business however has been put through this week. All

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM NOTICES (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less and 8 as. for every additional line CASH strictly IN ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

LEWIS—April 17, at "Lyabrook," Coty, the wife of G E W Lewis, of a daughter.
THOMPSON—April 12, at Bon Espoir, Ootacamund, the wife of the Hon'ble Mr. Colonel Thompson, of Sattyamangalam, of a son. (Posthumous.)

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 33.m. Sun sets, 6h. 21m. High water, 11-43m., 11-40a. Low water, 5-43m., 5-35a.
P. and O. s. s. Moldavia, with English mails of 15th instant, due to arrive at daylight.
Arrival of H. E. Lord Curzon, Victoria Terminus, 9 a. m.
Embarkation from Apollo Bander, 1 a. m.
Departure of H. E. Lord Lamington for Poona, Victoria Terminus, 2 p. m.
Sir Bhalchandra Krishna's lecture on the Housing Question in Bombay, Framjee Cowasjee Institute, 5 p. m.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races,

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 5h. 32m. Sun sets, 6h. 22m. High water 0-23m., Low water, 5-41m., 0-8a.,

FAIR.—The annual Kassar Temple fair, at Pydhownes, commenced yesterday, and will continue for three days.

PLAGUE AND SUICIDE.—Kanuo Visram, a Hindu gardener, aged thirty, residing in a hut of Bhoiwada Road, Nalgaum, committed suicide sometime on Thursday morning by jumping into a well while suffering from plague delirium. At an inquest held by Mr. F. Byrne, the Coroner, yesterday, a verdict of suicide during plague delirium was recorded.

A SANITARY LECTURE AT CHOWPATTY.—Under the auspices of the Bombay Sanitary Association Dr. A. G. Viegas will give a lecture in the Konkanim language in the Goan Health Camp at Chowpatty to-morrow (Sunday) at 7-30 a. m. after Mass in a temporary structure erected in the midst of the Camp.

THE RAJKUMAR COLLEGE.—In recognition of his services in the cause of education in general and the Rajkumar College, Rajkot, in particular regarding which institution he published a book called "The Chiefs and Cadets of Kathiawar," the Government of Bombay has been pleased to nominate Navalsinhji Amarsinhji Khan, a member of the Board of visitors of the Rajkumar College, Rajkote, and to represent the Chiefs of the Second Class.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per express s. s. Bignic, via Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p. m. on the 2nd and 3rd proximo.—Mails for Mauritius per express s. s. Ornata via Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p. m. on the 2nd and 3rd proximo.—Mails for Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, China Japan and Australia per s. s. Coromandel will be closed at the General Post Office at 9 a. m. on Wednesday the 4th proximo.

MUSIC AT THE BANDSTAND.—By kind permission of Captain G. Bailey the band of the 123rd Outram's Rifles will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. M. Fradilis, Band Master, commencing at 6 p.m. to-day :—

Marcia	Band of Friendship ..... Rwan.
American Sketch	By the sunny River ..... Meddicott.
Valse	Cabin Times ..... Gungl.
Selection	The Earl and the Girl ..... Monckton
Piccolo solo	Palvos Phantom ..... Green.
Song	The Sun and the Sun Flower's Pond
Cake Walk	A Coon Band Concert ..... Fryer.

DARING BURGLARY ON MALABAR HILL.—Jevanlas Lalbhai and his sister Javerbai have reported to the police that during Wednesday night their place of residence in Warden Road, Malabar Hill, was broken into and property consisting of ornaments made of diamonds, pearls and emeralds collectively valued at Rs. 9,593, were stolen. It appears that the complainants had gone to reside in the house temporarily for the purpose of celebrating the nuptials of the son of Javerbai. During the night in question an entrance into the house seemed to have been effected by cutting the framework of a window at the back and removing the iron bars. The thief or thieves carried away two boxes containing the property to the open ground outside the compound where they seemed to have broken them open and carried away the property. The property to the value of Rs. 65s was found on the ground. The complainants had twenty two servants in their employ, most of whom were recently engaged.

DISPUTED AWARD.—At the Bombay Small Causes Court, Mr. C. P. Young, second judge has disposed of a suit brought by Shaik Haji Jackeria to recover from Jakerji Dinshaw, a building contractor, Rs. 347, being the amount due to him for work and labour done in respect of erecting several blocks of chawls for the accommodation of poor Parsis at Tardeo. Mr. N. N. Saher, barrister-at-law appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Billimoria, pleader, represented the defendant. It appeared that the amount of work done being disputed by the defendant, all the matters at issue between the parties were referred to the sole arbitration of Mr. M. N. Chandabhoy, Engineer and Architect who awarded the above amount. The defendant having failed to pay it, the present suit had been filed. The defendant disputed the validity of the award inter alia on the ground that the arbitrator had refused to record the evidence tendered by him. He had not published his award in time. His Honour after hearing evidence and the arguments of counsel, decided the suit in favour of the plaintiff with costs.

COLLAPSE OF A HOUSE.—Some excitement was caused early yesterday morning amongst the residents of Mandvie, by the sudden collapse of a house in Samuel Street. The house was a four-storeyed one and belonged to Luximbai, widow of Soonderji Shivji. The building which was an old one, had been condemned by the Municipal authorities as unfit for human habitation some two or three years ago. At the time of the collapse, a Purdesee lived on the top floor, while two families of the landlady occupied the first and second floors, in the eastern wing of the building. Before the collapse the sound of a crack was heard by the Purdesee, who apprehending danger, immediately ran downstairs, and as he reached the ground floor, the whole of the western wing of the building came down with a crash. The eastern block as well as the stair-case, which was common to both the blocks having remained standing, the two families living in that portion of the house escaped. On information being sent to the Municipal Executive Engineer's department and the fire brigade stations, a number of lascars from the Baboola Tank and Chinchpoogly fire brigade stations arrived on the scene armed with pick-axes, crowbars etc. They began to remove debris and rendered assistance in clearing the street. As the eastern portion of the building was in a dangerous condition it was considered advisable to pull it down and the tenants were ordered to vacate, which they did. The Purdesee was injured on the head by a falling wall and had to be removed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital for treatment.

H. M. S. PERSEUS.

COMMISSION PAID OFF.

H. M. S. Perseus, (Captain H. Jones,) which is now lying at the West Basin paid off her commission yesterday and the new commission is expected to-day by the P. and O. Co.'s mail steamer Moldavia. H. M. S. Perseus, was commissioned on the 7th March 1901 at Chatham and then came to India. They served one year at the Persian Gulf and two years on Somaliland coast ; took part in landing the Somaliland Expedition at Obbia in February 1903, captured arms running dhows in June, 1902, and bombarded Balhaf Fort in South Arabia in July 1902. Eight officers and 176 men are proceeding home to-day by the P. and O. Co.'s mail steamer Arabia and thirty men remained on board. The ex-crew were conveyed on board the Arabia yesterday morning. The names of the officers are :—Lieutenant, Grieve (in command) Lieutenants Bellit, Lindsay and Nixon, Staff Surgeon Bidwell, Engineer Barker, Sub-Lieut Brown, and Gunner Linhan. The new commission consists of 12 officers and 180 men. They will be landed at the Government Dock on arrival of the steamer.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. to-day, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths, from all Causes.
A Upper, Maadle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	4	4	5
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	12	14	24
C Market, Dhakji Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada,	14	11	22
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Malabarhill	11	6	12
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	18	9	30
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	9	9	13
G Mahimwari, Worli	13	12	16
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	1	0	1
Hospitals	0	5	10
Total	82	70	133
Total plague deaths to date	275,216	226,534	
Same date last year	133	118	217

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THE Clan Line steamer Clan Macleod, 2043 tons, Captain E K Cowie, will sail to day for Mormugao, with the same bottom cargo.

THE B and P S N Co's steamer Mesaffari, 1357 tons, Captain T L Mokony, sailed yesterday for Jedah via Karachi, with 15 deck passengers.

THE steamer Dagfred, 519 tons, Captain O M Melberg, arrived in harbour yesterday from Bangkok, 11th April, with a cargo of timber and two deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kaforia, 663 tons, Captain C G Smith, R N R, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, five cases opium and the following passengers:—Lt. Mills, Mr. D Michael, Mr. and Mrs Tew, Mr. A Garoh, ten natives and 61 deck.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

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H M S Perseus.....Capt M R Hill.....Royal Navy
H M S Rostbrook.....Royal Navy
R I M S Mayo .....Lt-Comdr G Gardner .....R I Marine
Torpedo Boat No. 100.....
Do No 102.....
Do No 103.....

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—APRIL 29.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Agent.
Deutschland bq	768	Nacoda		The Captain
Fazul Karim	636	Nacoda		G Muthwani
Pallanza	1934	Lemarchand		M M & Co
Nowshera	1961	Dewing		M M & Co
Jelunga	2361	Windejank		M M & Co
Huzara	1236	McClelland		M M & Co
Ormidale	2305	Hamilton		W & A G & Co
Sundara	2215	Maude		M M & Co
Fazilka	2047	Wilson		M M & Co
Vadeli	1168	Metcalfe		Bo and P S N Co
Oniponti	3123	Gun-Cunningham		M M & Co
Morven	2490	Norrie		W & A Graham & Co
Avoca	3410	Lowe		M M & Co
Canara	1216	Carey		M M & Co
Nankin	2557	Kenlock		P & O Co
Peninsular	2119	Cubitt		P & O Co
Chindwara	1502	Bombar		M M & Co
Colobaria	2420	Houston		M M & Co
Zillah	2412	Reed		T E Morrison & Co
King Robert	2513	Galbraith		K N & Co
Lahdan	2294	Garaner		K Nixon & Co
Baron Fairlie	2344	Goudey		W & A G & Co
Feronia	1950	Keed		A Montochoffs & Co
Kerbulla	1466	Cole		M M & Co.
Clan	2311	Evans		
Dagfred	519	Melberg		F F Campbell & Co
Dumtea	2755	Charbonnel		M M Maritimes & Co
Katoria	663	Smith		M M & Co
Ballarat	2360	Longden		P & O Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Clan Macneill	2364	Beer	Amsterdam	7-5	Muir & Co
B	Iran	1666	Jacob	Dunkirk	3-5	K N & Co
C	Haddon Hall	2166	Auram	Lpool	5-5	K Nixon & Co
D	Cuenso	2334	Steckell	Hull	10-5	P Muir
E	Clan Macleod		Cowie	[illegible]	3-4	P Muir & Co
G	Mozaffari	1[illegible]38	[illegible]olony	Jeddah	29-4	B P S N Co
H	Reichstag	1319	Winke	Zanzibar	7-5	A Strain & Co
K	Halizones	3295	Vermuilan	Lpool	4-5	J Mackintosh & Co
L	Puri	287	Ahmed	Repairing		Shpd & Co
M	Patiala	1049	Sharp	Repairing		M M & Co
N	Garloch	2414	Crae	Antwerp	5-5	W & A G & Co
O	Derwen	2381	James	London	1-5	W & A G & Co
P	Londale	2013	Lee	Hamburg	1-5	M M & Co
Q	T R Thompson	3361	Garthpose		29-5	Hall Bros

HARBOUR WALL P. DOCK.

Satrunji.....547 Ahmed.....Karachi.....30-4 Shpd & Co
Sabarmati.....921 Ahmed.....Mauglore.....2-5 Shpd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Moravia	2283	Wintoralter	Trieste	30-4	A L S N Co
2	Anstralia	2972	Tait	Lpool	7-5	W & A G & Co
4	Coromandel	775	Squibb	Cal	30-4	B I S N Co
5	Londan	2124	Soary	Zanzibar	3-5	M M & Co
6	Umballa	3126	Augill	Lpool	7-5	M M & Co
8	Imperatrix	2351	Giuzzo	Trieste	1-5	A L S N Co
9	Axenfels	2268	Weimann	Karachi	2-5	Glade & Co
12	Arabia	4197	Leigh	London	30-4	P & O Co
15	Camperwell	2562	Gaines	Antwerp	5-5	M M & Co
16	Tabaristan	2171	Parsons	Kohat	7-5	E Latham

HARBOUR WALL V. DOCK.

Dwarka .....759 Rothwell.....Karachi.....30-4 M M & Co

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ARRIVALS.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
29	Dagfred s	Melberg	Bangkok, April 11
	Dumbea s	Charbonnel..	Marseilles, April 13
	Katoria s	Smith	Basreh, April 21

DEPARTURE.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
29	Mozaffari s.....	Moloney	Jedah, &c

The steamer Clan Macleod, Cowie, for Mormugao, obtained her nor portclearance yesterday.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Australia, for Liverpool, Marseilles, &c
" King Robert, for Liverpool, Marseilles, &c

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Sutherland arrived at Suez, from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta on the evening of the 27th instant.

The B I S N Co's steamer Rewa, left Port Said on the afternoon of the 28th instant.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Farquhar, arrived at London, on the morning of the 28th instant.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Robertson, arrived at Suez from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta on the evening of the 27th instant.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR T. A. SAVAGE, V. D., COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, 30th April.

1. The Battalion will parade to-day (Saturday) the 30th instant, at Head-Quarters at 7-30 a.m. for the purpose of assisting in lining the Streets on the departure of H. E. the Viceroy to England.

Dress—Review Order, Khaki, Putties to be worn. Arms and Accoutrements will be issued at the time of falling in.

2. The following men have joined it is taken on the strength of the corps from this date and posted to C Company:—No 4376 Vol C A E Huard.

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

DAILY EXPORTS.—APRIL 29,

FOR LIVERPOOL

Haddon Hall s—834 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 501 cwt fenugreek A Blaschecck and Co.

FOR MANCHESTER.

Australia s—23 bales twist The Apollo Mills,

FOR GLASGOW.

Australia s—13 bales yarn W and A Graham and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Derwen s—16 cwt wheat Ralli Bros.

FOR HULL.

Halizones s—4,200 cwt cottonseed Tuta and Co; 10,000 cwt cottonseed C Lallubhoy; 500 cwt cottonseed oil; 200 cwt myrabolams Wadjee Bechur.

FOR HAVRE.

Derwen s—51 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 1031 cwt myrabolams Wadjee Bechur.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Iran s—250 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 839 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 391 cwt poppyseed S D Sassoon and Co, 2000 cwt poppyseed Volkart Bros; 2000 cwt linseed W and A Graham and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Australia s—150 cwt aloe fibre The Bombay Co; 990 cwt wheat 2970 cwt linseed 7220 cwt gingellyseed John Fachiri.

FOR BARCELONA.

Australia s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 650 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co.

FOR SAMSOUN.

Moravia s—12 bales twist A Topatean; 321 bales twist The Svadeshi Mills Co.

FOR VARNA.

Moravia s—64 bales twist The Svadeshi Mills Co.

FOR INCHOLI.

Moravia s—13 bales twist The Svadeshi Mills Co; 49 bales twist A Tapalean.

FOR POTI.

Moravia s—30 bales twist The Svadeshi Mills Co.

FOR CANDIA.

Moravia s—5 bales twist The Svadeshi Mills Co.

FOR MESSINA.

Moravia s—3 bales twist A Topalean.

FOR HAMBURG.

Lansdale s—40 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 506 bales cotton and 2099 cwt linseed 11752 cwt rapeseed and 11600 cwt castorseed Ralli Brothers; 20.0 cwt rapeseed Ernst Lam and Co; 341 cwt myrabolams The Bombay Union Agency; 204 cwt gum F Jethabhoy.

Axenfels s—316 bales twist Glade and Co; 550 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 4900 cwt wheat Tata and Co.

FOR AMSTERDAM.

Clan Macneil s—1300 cwt rapeseed Volkart Bros; 6000 cwt linseed Societa Coloniale Italiana; 12857 cwt linseed Ralli Bros.

FOR ANTWERP.

Gairloch s—2000 cwt linseed W and A Graham and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Umballa s—110 bales cotton K Visram and Co; 310 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 200 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co

FOR VENICE.

Imperatrix s—202 cwt cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR FIUME.

Imperatrix s—110 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR ODESSA.

Imperatrix s—58 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR SHARPNESS.

T R Hampson s—2000 cwts wheat Ralli Brothers,

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperatrix s—257 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR RIGA.

Colenso s—150 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co,

FOR AVONMOUTH.

T R Hampson s—200 cwts wheat Ralli Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Coromandel s—50 bales cotton Pride Saone and Co; 170 bales cotton C Ebrahim and Co,

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Coromandel s—40 cwts poppyseed H A H Joosaph; 23 bales aloefibre J Cooverjee.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON FRIDAY, THE 29TH APRIL.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased over the whole country. The barometer is now generally about normal.

Winds are north-westerly to south-westerly at most places and the force has been fresh to strong in Cutch and at Aurangabad.

Temperature.—The maximum is 6° in defect at Lahore while the minimum is from 5° to 8° in excess at Saugor, Amraoti and Malegaon. The maximum varied from 111° at Akola and Na pur to 86° at Dwarka and the minimum from 83 at Amraoti and Jhansi to 69° at Bangalore

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast at Colombo and Bellary.

Rain.—Over two inches of rain fell at Colombo (2-10), over one inch at Mangalore (1-07) and a few drops at Belgaum.

Weather.—Conditions are favourable for thunderstorms on the Malabar Coast, in Ceylon and the Madras Presidency.

R. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

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FAREWELL, A SHORT FAREWELL.

WE are to-day in somewhat the same position as Lord Curzon found himself when unveiling the statue of Lord Lansdowne in Calcutta. He felt too near to Lord Lansdowne's viceroyalty to pass it under final review. If, asked his Excellency, the greatest of modern Governors-General, Dalhousie, could stipulate in his will that his papers were not to be published or his life written until fifty years had elapsed from his death, would it not appear to be a presumptuous thing to compose the epitaph of an administration that has only belonged to history for seven years? How much more presumptuous, therefore, do our contemporaries appear with their epitaphs this morning, written whilst the administration of the present Governor-General is still uncompleted. We take Lord Curzon at his word, agreeing with him that an appreciation, which is neither overstrained nor uncritical in the case of the dead, is officious when applied to the living. The eyes of contemporaries, to apply his Excellency's own words, are apt to be fascinated by the glare of the battlefield and the sound that vibrates in all our ears is music of victory; but when the shouting has died down and the dusts of controversy are laid, it may be found that—with a conscientious and purposeful tenacity that never wavered, and with a dignity that stooped neither to self-exculpation nor to reproach—Lord Curzon pursued his thankless task and laid the foundation of those victories which his admirers claim that he has won. We propose neither to bury Cæsar nor to praise Cæsar. We applaud the decision of the Corporation not to offer an address to his Excellency. They had no civic subject whereon to address him. Had they attempted to make representations on subjects of imperial politics they would have been guilty of an impertinence. Besides, remembering their experience of the last occasion they addressed him, they may say of his replies as Phocian said of the speeches of Leosthenes: "They are like cypress trees: tall and comely, but they bear no fruit." Whether the attitude of the Municipal Corporation is approved by the powers that be we cannot say, but it is remarkable that the City Fathers are not invited to attend either the arrival or departure of his Excellency, and that no accommodation has been provided for them at the Bunder.

Lord Curzon would be the last to ask us believe that the time has come to write the epitaph of his administration. He will go home—and rest, if allowed. But he will be lionised by a number of well-meaning but misguided individuals, official and otherwise, in the belief that they are helping to a due appreciation of his work for India. It is to be hoped, if he does return, it will be like a giant refreshed. He has still much to do. His Excellency has not forgotten, how in 1900, he held up for admiration the "baby figure of the giant mass of things to come." Even then it was pointed out by Indian publicists that the period of our Viceroy's administration would not be long enough to admit of the realisation of all his dreams. It was written: "It is very desirable that Lord Curzon's time of office should be extended to seven years to enable him to watch over the reforms to be inaugurated, a precedent being found in the case of Lord Dalhousie, who at great self-sacrifice held office for upwards of seven years." This was when his Excellency stated that he had formed a category of twelve important questions, "all of them waiting to be taken up, all of them questions which ought to have been taken up long ago and to which as soon as I have the time, I propose to address myself." What those reforms were to be his Excellency remarked that he did not propose to relieve the curiosity of honourable members by then informing them. Famine came and the programme of reform was "switched off," the Council and the country having to wait yet another year for the revelation of the Twelve Tasks. Two of these had reference to frontier affairs, two to the Civil Service, a fifth to currency, a sixth to irrigation, seventh, railways, eighth, agricultural indebtedness, ninth the reduction of the telegraphic rates to Europe, tenth, the preservation of archæological remains, eleventh to educational reform and the twelfth to the reform of the police. A supplementary list also saw the light that day—relating to fiscal reform, the scientific propagation of agriculture, agricultural banks, better assessments, the fostering of native handicrafts and industrial exploitation in general. How many more subjects he might not have enumerated we do not know; but suddenly his Excellency broke off with the remark: "There are a number of other subjects of which I prefer not to speak at present." He rests in the midst of his labours.

When Lord Curzon revealed the mystery of his programme half the term for which he had undertaken to preside over the destinies of the Indian Empire had already expired. He might have been able to report more progress in the accomplishment of his tasks had not famine and the equally lamentable visitation at Delhi come in the way. It was pointed out by one of his Excellency's admirers—a sprig of nobility who came out for the Durbar and grew to a full understanding of Indian questions in a single night that whereas Sir Robert Peel used to say he could only undertake one reform at a time, Lord Curzon, with only two years and a half of office to run, could place on his anvil every bolt and cog of the administration of an Empire compared with which that of Rome itself might be termed provincial. But as the writer felt bound to admit some of these reforms enumerated had already been begun, and although Lord Curzon had worked at them, history would perhaps not exclusively associate his name. Others however are indisputably his and the blame or credit of their accomplishment will lie solely with him. But the end of things is not yet. At the moment we recall the words with which the Hon. George Peel closed a "National Review" article on "The Career of Lord Curzon" some little time ago. "When he returns home," said the writer, "his scene will shift from a land guarded by an army without a War Office to a land exposed to a War Office without an Army; from an East which is being taught administrative economy to a West oriental in its extravagance; from the silent energies of a fine Civil Service to the teeming eloquence of a House of Commons; for the pacification of the fiercest of all frontiers without the embroglio of war to confused campaigns against Mad Mullahs and Nigerian potentates. He will return from an awakening Hindustan to a land slumbering on its antique habits. It will be his task, having preserved the archæological remains of India to destroy the archæological remains of England." There are many who, notwithstanding assurances, believe that his Excellency will commence this new task without returning to India. They hope for this, not that they love Cæsar less but love Rome more.

A MINERAL DISCOVERY IN CEYLON.

A DISCOVERY, which is of considerable interest to the chemist and mineralogist and which will probably be of considerable importance commercially, has recently been made in Ceylon. Some time ago, in accordance with an order of the Government of the island, it was decided to make an attempt to classify the minerals of Ceylon, and with this object in view two Government mineralogists were entrusted with the task of collecting and despatching specimens to the Imperial Institute. This undertaking has almost immediately borne interesting fruit; for a letter which recently appeared in "Nature" shows that several substances, one of which is believed to be an entirely new mineral, have found their way into the hands of the analysts. Among the specimens sent to the Imperial Institute was a mineral, which is found in the shape of small black crystals cubical in form which form part of the refuse of gem washings at Balangoda, in the Province of Sabaragamuwa. This substance, has subsequently been found in a vein of pegmatite at Gampola. There appears to be no reason, why it should not be distributed over other areas in Ceylon. On analysis at the Imperial Institute, it was found that it was not pitchblende, one of the main constituents of which is oxide of uranium, the substance in connection with which the first discovery of radium and helium were first made. The principal component of the mineral is oxide of thorium which indeed exists in it to the extent of 76 per cent. The uranium oxide is only present to the extent of slightly over 12 per cent and several other of the rarer oxides, including two of Cerium, Lantharum, Didymium, and Zirconium, are also present. The substance is radio-active, and although the first analysis of the Institute chemist accounted quantitively for the whole of the specimen under analysis, there is every reason to believe that as was the case with pitchblende, this substance also will prove a source of radium and helium. As is well known these two radio-active substances are exceedingly difficult to separate, and with the small specimen in the hands of the Imperial Institute analyst, their separation should be impossible. At any rate, it appears to be a new mineral of a valuable type. Mr. G. S. Blake, to whom was entrusted the duty of analysis, has suggested for it the name of thoriamite, owing to the large proportion of thorium which it contains. Another substance also found at the gem washings has been examined and has proved to be thorite, a mineral which is rich in thorium in the form of the silicate. As it only contains a very small percentage of oxide of uranium and the other rare earths found in the first specimen, its value from the point of view of the extraction of radium will probably not be great, but thorium itself is exceedingly valuable on account of its use in the manufacture of incandescent mantles, and there is every reason to expect that the discovery will prove to be an added source of wealth to the people of Ceylon.

COMPULSORY VOTING.

"THE free man casting with unpurchased hand, the vote that shakes the turrets of the land" is, no doubt, a fine figure. But in countries where that imposing spectacle has presented its sublimest, or if you will, its most ridiculous effects, there has come a reaction of ideas on the subject. The reaction appears to have been the more pronounced where the enfranchised citizen has been reinforced at the ballot box by the enfranchised citizeness. It may be that here there is cause and effect. The free man may have valued the privilege of casting his vote when it belonged to him alone, but as the free woman has begun to co-operate in the responsibilities of the ballot he seems inclined to let her discharge those onerous public duties unaided. It may be from motives of domestic policy, or it may be the result of the natural selfishness and love of ease which since the world began, has enabled the male to adopt the restful occupation of the philosopher, directly the ladies of the family began to work. However it be, it is a fact that from Australia where the millenium of the woman's suffragist has been attained in regard to Federal elections at least, there are grave complaints of the apathy of the male voter. The Labour party is of course guiltless of this charge. They poll their full strength and thence springs the bitterness of other parties in the State. The recent Melbourne election provided the text for strong fulminations by the orthodox party organs against the citizens who abstained from recording their votes. The number of abstentions was taken as the cue for reading an alarming lesson on the future of the country, and there was much rhodomontade about civic duties. We get along very well in India without these intangible benefits, but it would be different if real place and power for somebody here depended on the casting of the people's votes. Then we would probably hear something like the doctrine enunciated by Mr. Bent, the Premier of Victoria. Chagrined by the result of the election, he declared his intention to bring in a Bill to enforce voting, either in person or through the post. The obvious comment upon this is that the extremists of the Labour party are not the only persons in Australia possessed of extravagant ideas. There are some people, peculiar they may be, who have conscientious objections to parliaments and all their works, and it might be inconvenient to make martyrs of individuals whose scruples forbade association with the questionable methods of politics. On the other hand, if every citizen be compelled to vote on pain of punishment he will naturally claim to vote for a candidate of his own selection. And with as many candidates as voters, Mr. Bent might come to regard the last state of Victoria as worse than the first. There is no privilege in a duty; nothing that is compulsory is esteemed; the value of a privilege consists in the knowledge that it exists to be exercised or not, as the possessor wills. Compulsory voting would be as distasteful as compulsory soldiering. Where rival candidates and policies do not meet with the approval of a citizen, his failure to vote expresses his disapprobation of both. Apparently in Australia there are many people who find little to approve in any of the parties who are contending for power and between them endangering the future of the country. Instead of compelling people to vote, Mr. Bent would be much better occupied in finding the causes of abstentions from the polls and in trying to give effect to the opinions which the non-voters represent. The only practicable means of securing this is to ordain that a candidate to be elected must gain more than a bare majority of votes or, in other words, to adopt the principle of the second ballot as carried out in France.

THE WAR AND RUSSIAN TRADE

THE Russo-Japanese war has greatly affected Russian trade and no port has suffered more than Odessa, as all its trade with the East has come to an end. Attempts are being made to foster trade with Persia, but its volume is not large, and most of the goods are bought not so much by the Persian merchants, as by the British trading in Persia, who afterwards re-sell the goods to the Persians. According to the Russian papers, the Persians dislike the British very much and would prefer to deal with the Russians, but "the British are so pushing." As a further reason for want of success, it is stated that Russian steamers are not given the same facilities in discharging in Persian ports as British vessels. The business at the Irbitsk Fair in furs has not been affected by the war to a very great extent, though on many furs the prices are much lower than they were last year. Red fox is in very great demand from America, and the prices for ermine seem to be still rising. The novel feature of the Fair is the issue of wires giving the prices obtaining on the various Russian and foreign markets, so that, for the first time, the Siberian merchant is in a position to know what is chiefly wanted, and can regulate his purchases accordingly. The Fair Committee was probably induced to adopt that course by the example of certain German firms in the fur trade who issue regular reports with prices.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR A. HUNTER, K.C.B., D.S.O., commanding the Forces, Bombay, accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Money, Assistant Military Secretary, and Captain Lord George Murray, Aide-de-Camp, arrived in Bombay, yesterday morning, from Sindh, and alighted at the Colaba Station. A salute of 15 guns was fired from the Saluting Battery to announce his arrival.

PENDING current negotiations between Colonel Younghusband and the Amban it does not seem likely that any reinforcements will be sent to strengthen the escort of the Tibet Mission. The troops are fully equal now to maintaining communications with Gyantse.

THE vernacular papers of Bengal have jumped to the conclusion that the Official Secrets Act has been recently applied in one local administration with the result that certain native members of the office establishment have been dismissed. The action taken, however, was, the "Pioneer" believes, purely executive, to stop a leakage of official information which had been persistently going on.

THE Quetta correspondent of the "Pioneer" writes: Information has been received from Meshed of the failure followed by suicide of a Persian merchant whose liabilities were over £1,000,000. This has led to serious dislocation of business. Fever is prevalent at Mashed, and Mr. Clementson, tea merchant, is ill there. Business on the Seistan route is not reviving. It is improbable that many horses will be imported this year from Persia. Sympathy is felt for the Amir in his illness. Over most of Central Asia the favourable rains are ascribed to the auspicious event of the Japanese War.

THE Kheddah Department has had a very successful season in Upper Burma and has captured about 300 elephants. Although the season only opened in February, two of the captures are now dragging timber in the Katha District, and a native, who has started buying and selling has made about 75 per cent. over his first transaction. At the sale held on the 15th instant, Mr. McGuffie, of Messrs. MacGregor and Company, purchased some 50 of the new captures and both he and the Department are mutually pleased at the prices given. It is, apparently, the intention of the Superintendent to try and break the present prohibitive market prices, and he is likely to succeed, for about 130 animals have already been sold at the Katha Camp.

WHEN Lord and Lady Ampthill were at Delhi they made the Madras Camp one of the pleasantest spots in the whole place, says the "Indian Planters' Gazette," and both at Ootacamund and Madras they are said to be immensely popular and are voted to be the most hospitable and genial Governor and consort that Madras has ever been fortunate enough to possess. It is said, furthermore, that his Excellency is by no means best pleased at the circumstances which have compelled him to come North and assume this additional weight of responsibility and that the "official air of Simla will not be nearly as congenial to him as the less "stiff" breezes of his own flowery hill capital.

IT is stated, says the "Bangkok Times," that the proprietors of a Siamese journal last year distributed handbills as an advertisement of their publication as follows:—"The news of English, oh crumbs, we tell the latest. Writ in perfectly style and most earliest. Do a murder git commit, we hear of and tell it. Do a mighty chief die, oh crumbs, we publish it, and in border of sombre. Staff has each one been college and write, oh crumbs, like the Kippling and the Dickens. We circle every town, and extortionate not for advertisement. Buy it oh crumbs, Buy it, Tell each of you its greatness for good, Oh crumbs, Ready on Friday. Number first."

"TRUTH" seldom indulges in anything so sportive an instinctive as a well-developed bull. It is, therefore, diverting to read the solemn hope expressed by the Art Critic in that paper, that a certain Art Society "has not all its future behind it."

ANIMOSITIES when cherished are undistinguishable from insanity. They will poison and destroy the finest mind. If it is not possible to be pitiful and even generous, it is always possible to hold one's tongue, to turn one's thoughts away.—"Claudius Clear," in the "British Weekly."

TELEGRAMS to the Australian papers, dated London, April 13th, state:—Mr. Stead, speaking at a meeting of Dutch colonists at Johannesburg, stated South Africa like Australia was entitled to its own flag. He insisted that the Imperial connection existed by consent and might be severed by consent.

LORD CROMER, in his report for 1903, says the comparison of the approximate population of the Soudan now and formerly is amazing. Prior to dervish rule the population was thirty and a half millions, while now it is only one million eight hundred thousand. He considers it desirable to encourage Egyptian emigration to the Soudan, whose future depends on good administration, an increase in the population, improved communications and cotton cultivation.

THE Athens correspondent of the "Standard" says:—Professor Furtwangler, who has discontinued his excavations of the Temple of Apollo, at Amykles, and arrived here, will leave for the Isle of Egina to make other researches. Among the Professor's discoveries at Amykles are all the fragments of the original and curious pedestal of the statue of Apollo in the Temple, and some interesting reliefs. He will complete his task after the demolition of the building.

LORD KITCHENER has engrossed his title in capitals on the roll of their Lordships' House. I happened to be in the Chamber when Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, in scarlet and ermine, took the oath on his elevation to the Peerage. I noticed that the motion of his arm as he wielded the quill had something about it as though he were flourishing his sword, and I was privileged afterwards to glance at the roll to see the result. The signature ran right across the scroll, and it is, perhaps, the largest and boldest signature appearing thereon, writes Mr. Arthur Walter, in "London Opinion."

NO SCIENCE maintains that the whole of our personality is incarnate here and now; it is in fact, beginning to surmise the contrary, and to suspect the existence of a larger transcendental individuality, with which men of genius are in touch more than ordinary men. We may be all partial incarnations of a larger self. Incarnation of a portion of a divine spirit therefore involves no scientific dislocation or contradiction, nor need it involve any material mechanism other than that to which we are accustomed.—Sir Oliver Lodge, in the "Hibbert Journal."

AN interesting archæological discovery has been made at Thorney

LAND AND SEA FIGHTING.

JAP TRANSPORT SUNK.

PORT ARTHUR ATTACKED.

ACTIONS ON THE YALU.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 28.

The Russian torpedo Flotilla after leaving Gensan on the 25th instant, encountered at sea on the night of the 26th instant, the Japanese transport Kinshin Maru of 4,000 tons.

Seventeen officers, twenty soldiers, 85 carriers and 65 crew surrendered and were taken on board a Russian cruiser. The remainder of the troops on board, numbering two hundred, refused to surrender and were sent to the bottom with the ship.

Reuter wires from St. Petersburg that a telegram from Port Arthur states that some Japanese torpedoers covered by men of war appeared off Port Arthur at one o'clock on Thursday morning and after several shots withdrew in a southerly direction.

No damage was done.

Reuter (Tokio) says that the Japanese gunboat Maya accompanied by some torpedoers ascended the Yalu on the 25th instant, and fought a series of small engagements with the Russian land forces whose artillery fire was ineffective. The gunboat drove out the Russians from a small island in mid stream.

On the 26th instant, one hundred Russian Cavalry attacked a Japanese landing party when the torpedoers opened fire and the enemy fled to the mountains leaving several of their wounded.

Subsequently the Russians opened an artillery fire from Anbustsan. The Japanese replied and silenced them.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

The Russian Government has sent a Circular to its representatives abroad declaring categorically that Russia will not accept mediation to terminate the war and will not admit the intervention of any Power whatsoever in the negotiations after the war.

The "Daily Telegraph" in a despatch from Tokio states that the Russian Vladivostock Squadron escaped from the Japanese fleet during a fog and regained the port.

The Russian Vladivostock fleet has also sunk a small Japanese steamer the Nakamaru at sea on the 26th inst. The crew were saved.

The Russian Squadron which has returned to Vladivostock narrowly escaped the Japanese fleet of twelve vessels which missed it owing to a fog It narrates the sinking of the Kinshinmaru which at first mistook the Russians for Japanese and afterwards lowered boats hoping to escape, but the Russian steam cutters captured all.

One hundred and thirty Japanese Infantrymen remained on board the Kinshinmaru, refused to surrender and maintained a fusillade after the Russians withdrew until the ship sank by a mechanical mine.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL, 29.

A special cable from the "Pioneer's" correspondent, dated London 28th April, says that the "Times" military expert estimates the maximum Russian field force at 135,000 men and says it is impracticable to mass the whole force for a united blow.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

M. V. Ninrassoff, Acting Russian Consul at Bombay, has received the following telegram from M. Plancon, Diplomatic Attache to Admiral Alexeieff at Port Arthur :—"On the 25th instant, the Vladivostock Squadron blew up two Japanese steamers near Gensan, taking on board the squadron all the men. During the night the Squadron blew up the large Japanese military transport Kinshu-Maru, armed with Hotchkiss guns. Seventeen officers, twenty soldiers, and sixty-five crew were taken prisoners. Disembarking company, having flatly refused to leave the transport and making resistance, were sunk along with the transport. Afterwards the Squadron returned to Vladivostock.

FIRE AT SEOUL PALACE.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

A special message to the "Straits Times" from Seoul, dated the 15th instant, gives the following details with reference to the fire at the Imperial Palace :—

The fire last night began in the servants' quarters of the Palace. A fresh breeze fanned the flames which spread rapidly through many acres of buildings. All the State Departments and Royal residences were totally lost.

The Foreign Legations were threatened, but British and French marines worked magnificently. Japanese troops promptly guarded all points with the object of preventing disorder.

The Palace authorities refused to admit fire brigades, and did not attempt to check the flames. The Emperor escaped to the library, which is adjacent to the Palace. All is quiet at Seoul.

A later cablegram says :—The total damage caused to the Imperial palace at Seoul by the conflagration of Friday is estimated at five million yen. The Archives and Treasury, being kept under ground, are intact,

The Emperor states that he personally witnessed the outbreak, and noted the origin of the fire, which was caused by a defective new flue. General indignation prevails at the stories of incendiarism that have been put afloat here for political proposes by malcontents.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

FRANCE AND ITALY.

President Loubet at Naples.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

President Loubet arrived at Naples yesterday and met with a most enthusiastic reception despite the heavy rain which was falling.

At a banquet in the evening cordial toasts were exchanged.

King Emmanuel in his speech said that the settlement of Franco-Italian interests in the Mediterranean was a fresh contribution to the peace of Europe.

THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

The following is the result of the race for the one thousand Guineas :—

Pretty Polly	1
Leucadia	2
Flamma	3

FAMOUS ACTRESS DEAD.

The death is announced of Nelly Farren, the well known actress.

THE MAILS.

The Bombay mails of the 16th instant arrived at Brindisi on the 27th.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE KAISER'S TOUR.

Speech at Karlsruhe.

GERMANY AND WELT-POLITIK.

LONDON, APRIL 29.

The Kaiser William at Karlsruhe, replying to an address from the Burgomaster, mentioned that he was completely restored to health. His Majesty referred to the great war which led to the unification of Germany and said he hoped that events, now being enacted before their eyes, would steel their courage and find the Germans united, if it became necessary to interfere in the world's policy.

THE ACTING VICEROY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT,)

SIMLA, APRIL 29.

The ceremony of installing Lord Ampthill as Viceroy is fixed at Simla for four o'clock to-morrow afternoon, the Gymkhana which was to have been held then being accordingly postponed.

BALUCHISTAN AND PERSIAN GULF LITTORAL.

THE IMPORTATION OF ARMS.

A Home Department notification is published adding the coast of Baluchistan and Gwadar and also the seaboard of Persia outside the Persian Gulf to the area including the Persian Gulf where the importation of arms is already prohibited. It also enables exemptions to be granted by the authorities in India as well as by the Persian Consul-General in London as regards the importation of arms on the Persian Gulf and the neighbouring coasts.

THE KING'S INDIAN ORDERLIES.

The rules regarding the appointment of native officers as orderlies to the King has been amended. Instead of six only four orderlies will in future be sent. All the four are to be of the same class and two will be cavalry officers and two infantry. The following native officers have been selected this year by the Commander-in-Chief and have sailed for England :—Risaldar Kala Singh Bahadur, 2nd Lancers ; Risaldar Tilok Singh Bahadur, 21st Lancers, Subadar Major Magar Singh Bahadur, 26th Punjabis ; Subadar Major Atar SinghBahadur 76th Punjabis.

PLAGUE IN INDIA.

The maximum appears to have been at last reached and passed in this year's plague mortality in India. The total number of deaths fell last week to 38,000, a reduction of 8,000 as compared with the previous seven days. In the Punjab the number of deaths dropped from 26,000 to 24,000, in the United Provinces from 6,000 to 4,000 and in the Bombay Presidency from 5,000 to 3,000.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant Keighley, Aide-de-Camp to the Viceroy is appointed Adjutant of the Viceroy's Bodyguard, vice Captain Holden appointed Commandant.

Captain King, 5th Light Infantry, is appointed additional Assistant Secretary in the Military Department.

Risaldar Major Abdul Aziz, 5th Cavalry, becomes Aide-de-Camp to the Viceroy, vice Risaldar Major Debi Dyal Singh, deceased.

Indian Army promotions :—Captains Armstrong, 27th Cavalry, Lyveson-Gower, 31st Duke of Connaught's Lancers, Rooke, 9th Bhopal Infantry, and Palin, 14th Sikhs, are gazetted Majors.

I.M.S.,—Lieutenant Colonel D. Wilkie to be Colonel vice Carr-Calthrop retired.

The following are permitted to retire :—Assistant Surgeon T. Davis and A. L. Senior and Hon. Lieut. J. Bateman.

Major Logan is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the South Indian Railway Volunteers vice Shelley promoted, Captain McDonachy becoming Major and Lieut. Sangar, Captain.

Volunteer Officers' decoration is conferred upon Lieutenant Nicholson, Bombay Volunteer Rifles.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Major W. M. Cubitt and Mr. W. E. Jardine are posted as Political Agents, Bughelkhand and Bandelkhand respectively.

Major S. F. Bayley as assistant to the Governor General's Agent, Central India and Lieut W. G. Hutchinson as assistant to the Resident at Hyderabad.

The appointments are recognised of Mr. E. S. Murray as acting Scandinavian and Belgian Consul at Aden, Monsieur C. Aubert as acting Portuguese Vice Consul at Calcutta Mr. L. Volkart as acting German Consul at Karachi. The provisional appointments of Mons. M Gerard and Mr. C. Bastin as Belgian Consuls in Bombay and Calcutta respectively are also recognised.

RULES UNDER THE MINES ACT.

A draft notification under the Mines Act is published and is to be taken into consideration after the 29th of July next. It lays down rules in connection with managers of mines and certificates which they are to be required to hold. Certificates are to be granted on the recommendation of a Board of examiners consisting of the Chief Inspector or the Inspector of Mines as President and two members of whom one shall be the owner or manager of a mine and other a mining engineer. For first class certificate, five years' mining experience will be required, and for second class certificate three years' experience. The Board, however, is to have discretion at first to accept three years' experience as sufficient, and certificates are to be ordinarily granted to the existing managers without examination.

MADRAS JUDGES GOING HOME.

MADRAS, APRIL 29.

A special train left the Central Station this morning with a distinguished contingent of the Madras legal lights en route to England which included the Hon'ble Sir Arnold White, Chief Justice, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Boddam, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Benson, the Hon'ble Mr. J. P. Wallis, Advocate General, Mr. J. G. Smith, Chief Judge of the Small Causes Court, Madras.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, APRIL 29.

It has been decided to retain the 123rd Rifles at Aden until next spring and to bring back to India owing of the 94th Russe's infantry in June next. It has been decided to abolish the rum ration on transports and to substitute, on homeward voyages only, an issue on payment of two pence of a pint of British brewed ale or an alternative ration of chocolate at half a pence to troops who desire to make such purchases. This change will have effect from the beginning of the next trooping season.

A first consignment of the new short 303 rifles is expected to reach India very soon. It will be sighted up to 2,500 yards.

It has been decided that as regards the examination of junior military officers the theoretical portion is to have precedence of the practical.

It is decided that retired civil officers who are permitted to wear uniform at the Court of King-Emperor shall when living in this country have the privilege of wearing their uniform at Government Houses and on any occasion on which before their retirement they would have worn it. Capt C. B Hingston R. E, is transferred from the headquarters of Director General of military works to Bengal Command and is posted as Commanding Royal Engineer, Ishapore Ordnance factory works vice Major Cordue who has been appointed officiating Mint Master, Bombay.

POONA BOXING TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

POONA, APRIL 29.

The Poona Boxing Tournament opens on Monday next and promises to be highly successful and will vie with any that have preceded since it was started in the year 1900. The entries have been growing in number year by year and are thus more numerous than heretofore. Much pains have been taken with the enclosure which has been constructed of strong tent walls with rafters buried in the ground three feet deep to prevent any storm like that of last year from playing havoc with it. The ring is being nicely got up ; the entries promise to afford good sport to officers. The competition which has gradually been taking hold, has this year produced eight competitors in middle and light weights, the latter of which should prove interesting as six have entered and some good fighting may be expected. The competitions for non-commisioned officers and men in all weights have been filled remarkably well. Sergeant Smith of the 10th Hussars, the last year's winner of both the middle and the heavy weights has left for England and will be missed at the tournament where he created a furore last year ; Private Smith of the Lincolnshires who lasted till the finals with his namesake of the Hussars is in the list and should prove dangerous in catch weight competition ; Sergeant Henry of the Connaught Rangers is much talked about and has undergone a hard course of training and has been in the hands of Mr. Macauliffe, late champion of India till he was beaten by Smith of the Hussars should make a good show ; Bombardier Gibson, Private Jones of the Warwickshire are two who fought well in the previous tournaments and should give good account of themselves.

In middle weights there are few good fighters both in light and bantam weights who have figured in previous tournaments, while there is a large number of new comers whose fighting powers have not been displayed in these parts. Blackman, a good boxer of the 10th Hussars is again in and should prove dangerous in bantam weights as also Scurr and driver Cook who have also been on the boards in tournaments before.

The following are the additional names to entries already published :—In Officers' competition light weight, Captain Harding, 80th Carnatic Infantry ; in non-commissioned Officers' and men, middle weights, Private Chesterman, East Surreys, Private Severn, Thesires, Private Sabines, Middlesex, Lance Corporal Rea, Connaughts; in light weight, Privates Ramsden, Shover and Carpenter, 15th Hussars, gunner Breckman, 55th Battery, Private Regan, York and Lancasters; in bantam weights Sergeant Jobson, East Surreys, Privates Haggard and Hoolan, 15th Hussars, driver Combes, 29th Battery, Private Moran, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Lance Corporal Curley, Cheshires ; in boys' competition, cadet Boardman, Poona Volunteers and boy Dooley Connaught Rangers.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE following passengers proceeded to-day, by the P. and O. Co, steamer Arabia for Marseilles and London :—

Mrs F C Waller
Mrs C Macdonald Danbar
Mrs J E Gale
Lieut A Wood
Mr Claeton
Miss Claeton
Mrs Beer
Miss Lynn
Mr A Beer (Jr)
Capt Burrell
Miss Palmer
Miss Buikland
Mr Simons
Mrs W Meakin
Mr and Mrs F D Stranback
Mr C Bolleau
Mrs F P Porter
Lt A N Gledstanes
Mr J Deane
Mrs L M Browne and infn
Mr Schnider
Capt H T Fulton
Mrs W C. Synnes and infn
Mrs Lane Thorpe
Mr R Stowell
Mr James
Mr Davidson
Mr A Fonseca
Mr A Ashby
Mr Lambard's child
Mr E E Rouse
Mr W Kirk
Mr C Darby
Mr F W Hill
Mr Hepworth
Mr Sharp
Mr T E Evans
Lt H Gwynne Howell
Mrs Boldam and nurse
Lt G F Brooke
Mrs Hartley
Capt and Mrs E A C Mathews and infant.
Mr G R Main
Mr and Mrs P J Varley
Majl F M Cadell
Mrs R H Menneer
Mr James Taylor
Mr R S Brown
Mr and Mrs Zygonras
Mr W W Hill
Mr and Mrs V Milward
Bason child and infant.
Miss Sanders
Major L Impey
Hon Mr Justice A H S Reid two Misses Hope
Mrs and Miss Thomson
Major and Mrs C H Morris
Mrs Branson
Miss Venis
Hon Mr Justice Benson
Mrs Benson
Miss Benson
Mrs W H Rogers
Mr J H Cox.
Capt and Mrs Gubbins and infant
Mr and Mrs A Venis
Mr and Mrs Seconde
Mr J P Power
Mr F G Dumayne two
Misses Dumayne
Mr L J Calvocoressi and infant
Mr A S M and Mrs Wood
Mr A H Diack
Mr A Monro
Mr and Mrs Miles Irving
Mr and Mrs W S Millard child and infant
Lieut F A Eles
Mrs Reid
Mr and Mrs D M Moses
Mr W A R Coxon
Hon Mr S Rebsch
Mrs Rebsch
Miss E Underwood and
Miss D Underwood
Mr C R Brown
Mr G T Spankie two
Misses Monro
Capt and Mrs F G Beville and infant
Mr and Mrs T Ryan
Mr H P Hebblethwaite
Sheikh Hutalin
Mr M R Vakharia
Mr W B Hunter
Mr James Thomas
Mr J Rodgers
Mr Samuel George
M Nurse
A B Bennett and 2 children
Col C C Ellis
Mr E Raffee
Mr Alex Shannon
Lieut E W and Mrs Browne
Mr and Mrs A C Owen and 3 children
Mr H Hill
Mr L Stansfield
Miss H M Campbell
Miss Sebsbury
Mrs O'Kinealy
Mr Stephens
Dr Johnston
Miss G Russell
Miss Wood
Miss C B Mill
Mr N Macdonold
Mr J Ford
Mr A S Bally
Mr J A Simpson
Hon Mr Justice H Tudor Boldam and
Mrs Hin Baugh
Miss Hindbaugh
Mrs Mealy Brown
Mr F O Friend
Mr John G Smith
Mr and Mrs L M Sherman
Major R D Petrie
Miss Reid
Mr John A Campion
Mr L Leslie Jones
Mr J E Sassoon
Mr S N Chandabhoy
Mr H E Harrington
Mr and Mrs M Innes Ker
Miss E Whymper
Mr A C Thomas
Mr J H Bell
Mr W R G Moir
Lieut H E B Reed
Mr R Morean
Mr H C Finzell
Mr G F Stainforth
Mr Cumper
Mr Shaw
Mr Cayley child and infant
Mr A F Horsman
Mr C C Mitchell
Mr and Mrs Channler
Mr F H Hill
Mr W R T Aitken
Mr G J Hill
Major A and Mrs Buchanan
Mr E R Powell
Mr and Mrs S W M Crawford and infant
Mrs R S Pearson and 2 infants
Mr Ogston
Mr and Mrs A R Cumming
Miss Blyth
Mr Brown
Mr E Holberton
Mrs O'Donnell
Mrs Greathed
Miss Greathed
Miss Dorothy Waller
Mrs E Cloete
Lieut J A M Bannerman
Mrs H D Grimp
Mr W Milliner
Mr J Harper
Mrs Sealy Allen and infant
Lieut-Col D L Irvins
Lieut A R Withers
Mr E Esdaile
Mr B Bell
Mr Clark
Mrs Waterfield and child
Mr W Bryer
Mr H M Agate
Mr and Mrs Wakefield
Mrs O Onseley
Mr J A Simpson
Mr D J Isaacs
Mr H Absison
Mr P B Turner
Mr W J Isaac
Mr R D Turner
Mr and Mrs A W Mercer
Mr A Smith
Mr H A Pettman
Rev H J and Mrs Spence Grey
Mr R E Whichellon
Mr G W Brown
Mr M Ferrand
Mr D J Vakil
Mr M Zazulbhoy Chinoy
Mr and Mrs Sutherland Orr
Mr C M Collett
Mr and Mrs Lynn
Mrs Gillman
H E Lord Curzon of Kedleston Col Baring
Major Adam
Valet ot Lord Curzon
Mrs Boeckel
Mr T Swan
Mr W Ogden
Mr Zacherial
Mr A C Champollion
Mr S L Hopes
Mr H Reid
Mr J Macfarlane
Mr E C H Crosswell
Mrs and Miss Watson
Lieut C Macnie
Mr Jas Carris
Mr Tristram
Mr and Miss Wallis
Mrs Cowie
Miss Grohan
Mr A F C Ferbes
Mr and Mrs W S Blyth
Mr C L Burns
Mr Carpenter and child
Gen. Mr F Richter
The Hon C E Buckland
Mrs Buckland
Mrs F W Ecke
Mr J E Davis
Mr Dewan Chand
Mr F S Punnett and child
Rev G C Peake
Mr Begg child and infant
Lieut-D V Willoughby
Vrignalandas, Shah
Mr Wilson and child
Major E A W Hall
Mrs Hall
Mr Dickson and infant
Mr J R B Branson
Mr W G Allan
Mr and Mrs Schichobaloff
Brig-Gen Abbott
Mr Abbott
Mrs Abbott
Miss Smith Dorrien
Mr N Cayley
Capt L J B Hulke
Mr G E Deas
Mr C H Lemarchand
Mr E S Clifford
Mr and Mrs C H Bronning and infant
Hon Sir C Arnold White
Miss Waishe
Lieut Grieve R N
Lieut Bellies R N
Lieut Hamilton R N
Lieut Nixon R N
Dr Bidwell
Mr Barker
Mr Brown
Mr Linahan
Mr R Brown
Mr S Powell
Mr T Brook
Mr A Austin
Mr W Alium
Mr J Morley
Mr M Fitzgerald
Mr E Ralph
Mr J Sutton
Mr T Devonshire
Mr L Harris
Mr W Curtis
Major Balnt-Carr
Mr Gilbert Henderson
Mr P J Morgan
Mr and Mrs Proctor Sime
Mr T W Clark
Mrs W G Smith and child
Mr A B Prussia
Mr and Mrs J Reagan and infant
Mr J Milton
Miss Hall
Mr A J Humphreys
Dr and Mrs A J Mowat 3 children and infant
Miss Simpson
Mr W J Bains
Capt H E Nangle.
Lieut F G E Lumb
Capt Birret
Mr Cruickshank 2 children and infant of Maj Hallaran
Miss A M Brown
Mr F H Dunbar
Mr P H Lee
Miss H A B Moir
Lieut G F Reynold
Capt C Rose and 2 children
Mr W B O Thompson
Miss N Vaughan
Lieut Cloete
Mr Kirby and Professor Bathlee

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

THE LAND CAMPAIGN.

EXPLOIT OF A RUSSIAN CREW.

LONDON, April 12.—The "Times" correspondent with the Japanese headquarters staff states that from what he has observed neither belligerent desires to fight in the vicinity of the Yalu River He says that the Russians recognise the Japan's possession of the sea enables her to turn Russia's right flank at the Yalu, and they therefore desire to entice the Japanese inland. Japan is just as keen on avoiding a fight at the river, as she wants to get inland, where a more suitable theatre for operations will be found.

A sensational incident which occurred during the early stage of the war has come to light. It appears that early in the war a Japanese cruiser captured a Russian coasting steamer, and a prize crew of eight men was ordered to take the vessel to the nearest Japanese port. The Captain of the Russian vessel, who spoke the East Honian language, with which the Japanese were unacquainted, arranged with his crew for a rescue of the vessel, and at a given signal the crew rushed the Japanese, and, overpowering them, regained possession of the ship. All the Japanese were thrown overboard, with the exception of the two officers, who were conveyed as prisoners to Vladivostok

Admiral Makaroff has cabled to St. Petersburg that the entire fleet, which was supposed to be cooped up in Port Arthur, has returned to the Port, after a cruise far out to sea. Nothing was seen of the enemy.

Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, Chief of the Russian Navy Staff, has been interviewed regarding the naval aspects of the war. He is credited with having stated that the Port Arthur squadron ought, at the outset, to have gone out and fought to a finish and, even at the sacrifice of the fleet, in order to prevent the Japanese landing in Korea.

Storms at sea and rains in Southern Manchuria are impeding operations in the Far East.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH ACCORD.

CONCESSIONS AND CRITICISMS.

London April 12.—Great Britain's territorial concessions to France in West Africa, under the new agreement, are situated northwards of Sokoto, and comprise 8,000 square miles, chiefly of desert. The agreement provides for the least possible disturbance of existing conditions in the various countries included in the arrangements.

The German newspapers are displaying growing disappointment with the Anglo-French agreement, especially as regards Morocco. Some advance German pretensions in Western Morocco. The 'Reichsbote,' a Berlin journal, says Germany is no longer consulted or taken seriously in the councils of the nations. 'Where,' it says, 'is Germany's place? Is the sum of all she possesses the Pope's friendship?'

Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, has warmly congratulated M. Delcasse, the French Foreign Minister, upon the conclusion of the Anglo-French Convention.

M. Nelidoff, Russian Ambassador at Rome, in the course of an interview, eulogised the settlement by England and France of the Egyptian and Moroccan questions. Russians, he declares, are as delighted as their Allies, and regard the Anglo-French rapprochement as the fresh guarantee of the strength and security accruing to France. "Moreover," remarked M. Nelidoff, "the proverb says 'our friends' friends are our friends,' and who knows whether this may not be verified afresh?"

The "Times," further commenting on the new Anglo-French agreement, says that Egypt was the lever which Prince Bismarck assiduously used to separate Great Britain and France. Prince Bismarck, continues the same journal, never forgave us for joining with Russia to prevent Germany, in 1875 from attacking France. It adds : Mr Chamberlain's West African agreement may fairly be considered the germ of the present comprehensive arrangement, which must affect the future politics of the world.

THIRTEENTH CENTENARY OF GREGORY THE GREAT.

CELEBRATION IN ROME.

Pope Pius X. yesterday, in the presence of 60,000 persons, celebrated Mass at St. Peter's, the occasion being the thirteenth centenary of Gregory I. known as Gregory the Great. Gregorian music, which the Holiness Pope Pious X. is re-introducing into the services of the Church, was a special feature of the celebration. The Rev. Mr. Barnister, an Anglican clergyman, has been chosen by the Vatican authorities to prepare for exhibition at Rome the Gregorian codices discovered in a tenth century manuscript. A beautiful sequence belonging to Gregory I. was sung at St. Peter's yesterday.

THE SOMALI WAR.

The Mullah of Somaliland is reported to be approaching Rushafun.

A CAPE COLONY LOAN.

Cape Colony has successfully placed in London £2,000,000 worth of 4 per cent. Treasury bills at 91 1-2. The public subscribed the amount two-fold. The bills are to have a currency of 3 1-4 years.

AUSTRALIA'S DECLINING BIRTH RATE.

The London "Daily Mail," which has devoted a great deal of attention to Australian affairs lately, publishes a gloomy article commenting on the decline in the birth rate. It says that if the Australian population does not increase, British power in Australia is doomed.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

A GREAT EMIGRATION SCHEME.

General Booth is organising an Imperial Labour Bureau, for the purpose of sending the submerged portion of the population as emigrants to places where they are most needed.

About £1,000,000 will be required to develop the scheme, but General Booth hopes that the British and Canadian Governments will subscribe £50,000 each and that the Australian and South African States will contribute similarly. General Booth proposes to visit Australia in a few months, to negotiate with the Governments there. A conference of Salvationists from all parts of the world will shortly be held in a huge structure which is being erected on vacant laud in the Strand.

SOUTH AFRICAN STOCKS.

ENORMOUS RISES.

There is great activity in South African shares and Stock exchange values have risen to the extent of many millions in the course of a week. The buying is being done chiefly by professionals.

ARRIVAL OF H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD LAMINGTON arrived in Bombay yesterday morning from Mahableshwar by the Poona mail and alighted at the Victoria Terminus Station. His Excellency was accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Owen, Military Secretary ; Mr. J. H. DuBoulay, Private Secretary ; Major M. T. Yarr, R. A. M. C., Medical Officer ; Captain H. Meynell, Aide-de-Camp and Captain J. H. Crawford, commanding the Bodyguard. His Excellency's arrival was private, over a dozen civil officers and gentlemen assembled at the station to meet his Excellency. Amongst those present were : Mr. J. L. Jenkins, Commissioner of Customs ; Mr. E. Lawrence, Acting Commissioner of the Northern Division, Mr. James Macdonald, President of the Corporation ; Mr. G. F. Keatinge, Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue, Financial and Separate Departments ; Mr. G. O. W. Dunn, Chairman, Bombay Improvement Trust ; the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Sheriff of Bombay ; Mr. H. G. Gell, Commissioner of Police ; Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate ; Mr. Mirza Abbas Ali Baig, Oriental Translator to Government ; Mr. Duncan George, Superintending Engineer, Southern Division ; Mr. M. Gubbay, Assistant Collector of Customs, Bombay ; and Dr. Cowasji Hormusji. On alighting from the saloon, Lord Lamington shook hands with those present and afterwards in company of his staff drove to the Secretariat, being escorted en route by a body of sowars of the Bombay Police. His Excellency will meet the Viceroy on his arrival to-morrow at the Victoria Terminus and in the afternoon, after the Governor-General has embarked on board the Arabis, returns to Mahableshwar by the 2 o'clock train. A salute of seventeen guns was fired from the Saluting Battery to announce the arrival of the Governor.

A ROYAL BETROTHAL.

The negotiatins for the marriage of her Highness Radhabai Saheb Maharaj, daughter of his Highness Sir Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaja-saheb of Kolhapur, with his Highness Tukojirao Powar Maharaja of Dewas, senior branch, have terminated successfully and a binding betrothal has been agreed upon between the parties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Fashions in Coats and Capes.

NEW BOWS AND GIRDLES.

MATRIMONIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

LONDON, APRIL 8.

WHILE the modes in the matter of dress-sleeves remain in their present undetermined condition, with all the fulness in some cases between the shoulder and the elbow, and in others between the elbow and the wrist, it is only natural that our outdoor wraps should rejoice in sleeves of very ample proportions. Under no other conditions could they be worn in comfort without crushing and spoiling the bodices of the gowns. The voluminous dress-sleeves are also responsible, no doubt, for the sudden re-appearance in our midst of those more simple all round capes which during the last two or three seasons seem to have suffered a total and undeserved eclipse. Both in the case of coats and capes, however, only the palest and most delicate colours are to be seen. No matter what the material may be, whether smooth Venetian cloth, snowflake tweed, or, for smarter occasions, taffetas glace or even peau de sole, the same rule holds good. It is simply a case or pale pastel colours first and the rest nowhere. Of course, black coats will always be worn in taffetas and in the new soft silks which are known under more or less fanciful names this season. Apart from the coats and capes in black, however, which will be remarkably in the minority, except where mourning makes them a necessity, the only shades to be seen in cloth wraps generally will be the palest tones of biscuit colour and beige, champagne and cream colour stone-grey and the most delicate lavender, a pastel blue which is so pale as to be almost grey, and a jade-green which is equally delicate in tint. As far as shape is concerned, almost every variety of coat and cape seems to be permissible, although a semi-fitting, three quarter length coat is more in favour than any other, finished with some dainty embroidery in velvet or panne at the throat and always arranged with deep ruffles of lace or embroidered lawn at the wrist. Some of these coats have stiff, stand up collars, but more frequently they are cut without neck-bands, and finished round the shoulders with deep cape-collars, which are sometimes elaborately braided and embroidered, and sometimes trimmed with heavy Cluny or Luxeuil lace, dyed to match exactly the pale colour of the cloth.

The bow of the period has taken on a grace that makes it altogether charming and the clinging folded sash or girdle of Liberty satin, gauze, or silk without finish is a thing entirely different from the sash of stiff silk or satin which used to serve the purpose. The new ribbons are gay with every colouring and beautiful in art design. Faint blurred flower sprays in faded hues, pompadour bouquets, Dresden sprigs trailing vines and flowers, great single blossoms—all these are to be had upon backgrounds of soft lustrous white or some of light tint. Satin louisine, taffeta, gauze are all woven in flower designs, and there are wonderful ribbons with raised flowers in chiffon velvet on a ground of gauze or satin. Gold and silver threads are woven into many of the ribbons, and there are gold and silver gauzes embroidered in thick raised flower designs or interwoven with the raised velvet designs already mentioned. Liberty satins or taffetas in one tone have tiny gold or silver figures embroidered upon them at wide intervals—dots, bow-knots, small garlands, and leaves. There are flowered gauze ribbons with plain gauze, satin or velvet borders, and plain centred ribbons with flowered, striped or dotted borders. Shadow ribbons have foliage or flower designs entirely covering the ground, and all in shades of one colour, from dark to light. The flowered ribbons are, of course, practicable for use only with one tone frocks, but they are made into exquisite girdles for the batiste, lawn, mousseline and other thin frocks ; and for the figured materials plain Liberty satin is first favourite, although the louisines and soft taffetas are very popular. The fashions in girdles and sashes have great variety within somewhat narrow scope.

The high folded girdle still has a place in fashion's favour. Made upon the bodice or upon a separate boned and fitted lining, it fits closely, and opens at the back, where the opening is hidden in some artful fashion. Sometimes the opening is at the left side of the front, or is concealed under a long buckle immediately in the front. Many soft girdles widen at the back, and slope down to the front, where the fulness is gathered into a jewelled buckle, a buckle covered with the silk, or still more charming with an evening frock, a buckle covered with tiny artificial flowers. There has been a decided tendency towards shaping the lower edge of the girdle into a deep point in front, and as this point has grown deeper and sharper, greater care and skill have been necessary in the cutting and boning of the foundation and the adjusting of the ribbon or silk. Very often two folded pieces of broad ribbon, wide at the back, are drawn down snugly to join in a bias seam up the middle of the lower point, and inside of these V-shaped folds another width of ribbon is drawn in folds to make the upper part of the girdle. Since the point has lengthened, the upper line of the girdle has been lowered slightly.

Since our autocratic dressmakers have combined to decree that we shall no longer enjoy the luxury of the harmless necessary pocket, every one is agreed that something must be done to find a receptacle for the airy nothings which the pocket feminine generally contains. To appeal successfully to the fastidiousness of modern taste, these receptacles must not be so simply utilitarian as the little leather purse-bags and pouches which our American cousins attach in such a business like manner to their waist-belts. They must be ornamental and practical at the same time in harmony with modern modes, and yet with a suggestion about them of old-world fashions. The dainty little waistbags, embroidered closely with coloured beads in various quaint designs, and just now to be seen in great variety in the showrooms of the London Corset Company, at 28, New Bond-street, answer all these requirements most delightfully. They are best described perhaps as reticules, since they seem essentially to breathe the spirit of a bygone day, while in many cases they are exact replicas of old designs. They are made in exclusive patterns, no two being exactly alike, and they are really well worth going to see, as nothing that is exactly similar to them will be found elsewhere.

Once more the injury and injustice caused by frauds which are perpetrated upon women seeking husbands through the medium of matrimonial advertisements have been brought into the arena of discussion. For a long time such advertisements have been looked upon rather in the light of a joke than otherwise. Nowadays we are beginning to recognise them as a danger. The crusade against them will hardly appeal to the more cultured class of women. Still, it was shown last week, that a young lady who asserted she had a fortune, sued a matrimonial agent as a result of her own folly. Ignorant servant girls are not the sole class upon which the matrimonial agents prey. Following this came the disclosure of a crime brought about through the medium of a matrimonial advertisement, which has caused an outcry against the encouragement of such by newspapers. Archdeacon Sinclair and Mr. G. R. Sims, who have both expressed their views upon the subject, advocate a properly-established agency as a remedy for the present system. But, surely, in the twentieth century, when women are supposed to have made such forward strides towards emancipation, and have so many careers open to them, there should be no need of such a thing. Certainly it would be safe to prophesy that few unions so arranged could lead to happiness, for, as has been aptly said, "The ideal wife is not found sitting in a matrimonial agency, nor does she parade her accomplishments in the advertisement column."

Only those who have spent weary hours poring over furniture catalogues, or inspecting showrooms where dozens of wardrobes and hundreds of bookcases are arranged in unbecoming proximity, side by side, can properly appreciate the pleasure of seeing, instead of these serried rows of samples, cosy and homelike rooms, completely fitted and furnished down to the smallest detail, each one carrying out, moreover, some restful and artistic scheme of colour. The new specimen rooms, opened in Regent-street, offer themselves as a case in point, since they illustrate in the pleasantest and most practical way various successful arrangements of furniture and wall decoration as applied to the different rooms in a house. Here you see at a glance exactly what the effect will be of an oak dining room, for instance, with panels of hand-stencilled wall-paper in a tapestry design of subdued coloring, a dado of oak, and a frieze, also of hand-stencilled paper, but in much paler tints. A room like this affords an object-lesson which is more valuable than volumes of sketches or descriptions. Fireplace and furniture, carpet and curtains, are all arranged in perfect harmony of colour and design, and it is the same with all the other rooms of the series These include, by the way, a second dining-room, showing quite a different treatment, a most effective white drawing-room, and bedrooms of various sorts and sizes, arranged in many attractive ways. The new portieres and bedspreads adorned with bold conventional designs in applique linen and other materials are very effective, and by no means costly, in fact, this exhibition of specimen rooms will be found well worth a visit by all those who are anxious to furnish their houses artistically, and at the same time economically. It is interesting to know, in view of the efforts that are being made to encourage home industries, that, with a few unavoidable exceptions all the exhibts have been designed and carried out by British workpeople.

Life in the colonies is still undoubtedly to women workers from many points of view. And perhaps, no colony offers greater possibilities to the right kind of women than South Africa to-day. In spite of the great rush that took place immediately after the war, there are still vacancies to be filled notably openings for highly trained and competent secretaries, who command salaries ranging from £15 to £22 per month. To many women working at home for wages which do not exceed one-fourth of this such a sum must appear tempting, but against it must be put the high rate of living the exorbitant cost of clothes and laundry expenses, one of the greatest item of expenditure which does much to diminish wages. Until recently the housing problem has been one of the greatest difficulties to girls going out to the Cape but this demand has been met by the establishing of two ladies residential clubs, one in Johannesburg and one in Pretoria, where board and lodging can be obtained from £9 to £12 per month. The practical advice offered to intending emigrants by two highly trained women typists and one lady hairdresser, who left England for Johannesburg some eighteen months since, and have done well, is that unless a girl is strong enough to stand the climate and has had practical experience in her work is capable of adapting herself to a totally different life, and has enough money (not less than £30) to draw upon on reaching her destination, she had far better remain at home.

KOLABA DISTRICT NOTES.

WE have, after the trying days with the locusts, the scorching heat of the ghauts and plague stricken villages of the Taluk, bid good bye to Karjat, writes our correspondent, for a spell in beautiful Belgaum for the holidays, and once more come into Panvel for sight seeing.

Although the sky is clear and slightly warm at noon, a pleasant coolness at nights and in the mornings with a refreshing breeze from the adjacent cre

THE INHABITANTS OF MARS.

A THEORY OF THE CANALS.

One of the most remarkable statements going to confirm the theory now so largely held that Mars is inhabited, as a result of observations at the Lowell Observatory. Mr. Lowell, the well-known American astronomer, has for many years been engaged in scientific circles as a close and careful observer of the variations in the planet, and the latest and at the same time most interesting statements have been made in the bulletin issued from his observatory. A contemporary reproduces an extract from the Journal of the Lowell Observatory, which, in unmistakable terms, expresses the belief of Mr. Lowell that the variations in the Martian canals which have so long puzzled astronomers are due to the immediate efforts at irrigation made by the inhabitants of Mars themselves. The statement is so remarkable that we publish the extract from the Bulletin in extenso:—

"During the 1903 opposition of Mars, Mr. Lowell noted changes in the canals which he believes to be the results of artificial interference. Among those mapped by Schiaparelli in 1877 were three canals on the eastern edge of the Syrtis Major, which he took as a common point the the Lucus Tritonis, which he named Thoth. Triton and Nepenthes respectively. In 1882 and 1884 Thoth appeared double, and was undoubtedly seen and in 1884 Nepenthes was also distinctly double.

At the commencement of Mr. Lowell's observations in 1894; he was surprised to find no trace of these three canals, or of the Lacus Moeris a widening of Nephenthes, although other well-known but smaller features were plainly visible. Instead of Thoth another canal, which he named Amenthes, appeared, running from Syrtis Minor to the Aquæ Calidæ nearly parallel to the earlier recorded direction of Thoth and Triton. During the oppositions of 1897-7 and 1901 this continued as an easily seen object, and Mr. Lowell concluded that it was really Thoth which had been wrongly placed on the earlier drawings. During February and March, 1903, Amenthes was still visible, but less distinct, and on April 19 it was accompanied by Thoth in exactly the position shown on Schiaparelli's earlier map; on April 20 Thoth alone was visible. Suddenly, on May 20 the Lacus Moeris, which had long been given up, appeared and became a noticeable feature of that region of the planet's surface. In July Amenthes reappeared along-side Thoth and Triton, and thus settled the question of the presence of two canals.

Those changes are entirely independent of the seasonal changes, and while the two "visibility" curves of Thoth and Amenthes vary inversely, the curves derived from the summation of them agrees very closely with that of a "mean" canal, for which only the seasonal changes have as yet been observed.

From these phenomena Mr. Lowell reasons that owing to the small amount of water on Mars it becomes necessary to irrigate the surface in sections, and for this purpose the canals are artificially regulated. Thoth and Amenthes being allowed to fill up and irrigate the regions surrounding them alternately.

PARISIAN ARTISTIC CIRCLES FLUTTERED.

DE RESZKE TO FOUND A VOCAL SCHOOL.

THE news of the hour is that Jean de Reszke is to open a school for singing, writes the Paris correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette." The announcement has caused a great flutter throughout artistic Paris. About a year ago it was stated that the great singer was about to take the direction of a new opera house to be established here; but apparently, the scheme came to nothing. At any rate it must yield before this much more interesting and definite "fait nouveau" that there is to be a Reszke school of vocal music. If foreshadows what will be a really notable event. Paris is in the strange case of having no great singing master; indeed. It may be said that Europe in general has no outstanding names among the teachers. True, there is a talented body of men and women in Paris, as well as in the great musical centres of Milan and Florence, who gather about them a host of students but they are properly "finishing" masters. They cannot make a voice, or give it that quality of tone which is the great secret of the vocal art. The many admirers of Jean de Reszke, those who have heard him at the Paris Opera, in New York, or at Covent Garden in his incomparable Siegfried, or in other of his great successes, will at once concede that here is an artist capable of directing the aspirant along the right path of development. M. de Reszke combines, indeed, in his person, the virtues of the three great schools; the splendour and passion of the Italian bel canto; the elegance and charm of the soundness of the German. He has reached the ultima Thule of lyric art, and if he cannot guide the student through the intervening country, who can?

TO CULTIVATE TONE.

I gather from an article in the "Figaro," as well as from personal inquiries, that the great aim of the school will be the cultivation of tone. It is notorious that present-day teaching is lamentably deficient in this respect. There are those who inculcate fantastic methods of producing tone at the back of the head; there are hardly any who can pronounce for this or that method with the sureness of a great artist. In the making of the voice there are teachers who can point to successes and who enjoy great prestige but it is indisputable that they have ruined many an artistic career through lack of the necessary discernment in the application of their cast-iron rules.

"It is the psychological moment for a new and a great school. Pupils are flocking to Paris from all parts of the world. It has eclipsed Italy and such centres of dramatic music as Germany possesses. Yet one cannot go with any frequency to the Opera without taking away with him the impression that French vocal art stands in need of a renaissance. The great voice is a rarity, and rarer still is the voice that has received its full training and development. While, as the writer in the "Figaro" remarks, there has been great progress during the past twenty years in various branches of music, in the great and crowning art of singing, we have been marking time for the last twenty years. One reason undoubtedly is that the student of to-day is less inclined to undertake those laborious preliminaries essential to success in the art; another is that he lacks the stimulus, the vivid imagination, and the penetrative spirit of a great teacher. We may wish, therefore, success to the Reszke school. Perhaps it may place the lyric art upon its proper pinnacle. In any case, it comes not a moment too soon.

JEWELS BY THE BUCKETFUL.

MARVELLOUS DISCOVERY IN ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

If the information of the Johannesburg and Durban correspondents of the Central News is to be relied on, a marvellous discovery has just been made in the Hops Valley, Orange River Colony, writes the "Westminster Gazette."

The Ficksburg Syndicate has been mining in that district for months past without the least result. Finally a promising field was prospected, and here the sensational discovery is reported to have been made that precious stones were scattered over the ground in richest profusion.

The gems found, says the Johannesburg correspondent, include rubies, sapphires, emeralds, beryl, topaz, amethysts, turquoises, carbuncles, and small diamonds.

Hundreds of pounds' worth of gems are said to have been washed from twenty cartloads of gravel, and it is declared that there are millions of tons of similar wash in sight. The farm has been leased to the syndicate with the option of purchase for £25,000.

Some of the stones have been exhibited at Johannesburg and are pronounced by local experts to be of the highest quality.

The Durban correspondent says that nearly a bucketful of the precious stones found near Ficksburg, totalling 330 carats, was exhibited to the shareholders of the company owning the ground at a meeting at Durban on the 5th of April as the result of the wash of two loads of earth.

NEW CHEST SURGERY.

APPARATUS FOR EXPOSING THE LUNGS.

PROFESSOR MIKULICZ, a celebrated Breslau surgeon will make at a week's annual German Surgical Congress the first announcement of an invention enabling the exposure of the human lungs for operative purposes.

Experts already acquainted with the process say the invention will widely increase the range of chest surgery operations in the region of the œsophagus and thorax. It consists of an airtight cabinet holding the patient and two operators, the patient's head protruding through an opening at the side. The principle involved is a reduction of the air pressure around the exposed lung so as to prevent its collapse.

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THE INNOCENCE OF REGINALD.

Reginald slid a carnation of the newest shade into the button-hole of his latest lounge coat, and surveyed the result with approval. "I am just in the mood," he observed, to have my portrait painted by someone with an unmistakable future. So comforting to go down to posterity as 'Youth with a Pink Carnation' in catalogue Company with 'Child with Bunch of Primroses, and all that crowd."

"Youth," said the Other, "should suggest innocence."

"But never act on the suggestion. I don't believe the two ever really go together. People talk vaguely about the innocence of a little child, but they take mighty good care not to let it out of their sight for twenty minutes. The watched pot never boils over. I knew a boy once who really was innocent; his parents were in Society, but they never gave him a moment's anxiety from his infancy. He believed in company prospectuses, and in the purity of elections, and in women marrying for love, and even in a system for winning at roulette. He never quite lost his faith in it but he dropped more money than his employers could afford to lose. When last I heard of him he was believing in his innocence; the jury weren't. All the same I really am innocent just now of something everyone accuses me of (having done, and so far as I can see their accusations will remain unfounded."

"Rather an unexpected attitude for you."

"I love people who do unexpected things. Didn't you always adore the man who slew a lion in a pit on a snowy day? But about this unfortunate innocence. Well, quite long ago, when I'd been quarrelling with more people than usual, you among the number—it must have been in November, I never quarrel with you too near Christmas—I had an idea that I'd like to write a book. It was to be a book of personal reminiscences and was to leave out nothing."

"Reginald!"

"Exactly what the Duchess said when I mentioned it to her. I was provoking and said nothing, and the next thing of course was that everyone heard that I'd written the book and got it in the press. After that I might have been a gold-fish in a glass bowl for all the privacy I got. People attacked me about it in the most unexpected places and implored or commanded me to leave out things that I'd forgotten had ever happened. I sat behind Miriam Klopstock one night in the dress circle as his Majesty's, and she began at once about the incident of the Chow dog in the bathroom, which she insisted must be struck out. We had to argue it in a disjointed fashion, because some of the people wanted to listen to the play, and Miriam takes nines in voices. They had to stop her playing in the Macaws' Hockey Club because you could hear what she thought when her shins got mixed up in a scrimmage for half a mile on a still day. They are called the Macaws because of their blue and yellow costumes, but I understand there was nothing yellow about Miriam's language. I agreed to make one alteration, as I presented I had got it a Spitz instead of a Chow, but beyond that I was firm. She megaphoned back two minutes later, 'You promised you would never mention it again you ever keep a promise!' When people had stopped glaring in our direction I replied that I'd as soon think of keeping of white mice. I saw her tearing little bits out of her programme for a minute or two, and then she leaned back and snorted, 'You're not the boy I took you for, as though she were an eagle arriving at Olympus with the wrong Ganymede. That was her last audible remark, but she went on tearing up her programme and scattering the pieces around her till one of her neighbours asked with immense dignity whether she should send for a waste-paper basket. I didn't stay for the last act.

"Then there is Mrs.—oh, I never can remember her name; she lives in a street that the cabmen have never heard of, and is at home on Wednesdays. She frightened me horribly once at a private view by saying mysteriously. 'I oughtn't to be here, you know; this is one of my days.' I thought she meant that she was subject to periodical outbreaks and was expecting an attack at any moment. So embarrassing if she had suddenly taken it into her head that she was Cæsar Borgia or St. Elizabeth of Hungary. That sort of thing would make one unpleasant even at a private view. However, she merely meant to say that it was Wednesday, which at the moment was incontrovertible. Well, she's on quite a different tack to the Klopstock. She doesn't visit anywhere very extensively, and of course she's awful keen for me to drag in an incident that occurred at one of the Beauwhistle garden-parties, when she says she accidentally hit the shins of a Sienna Somebody or other with a croquet mallet and that he swore at her in German. As a matter of fact, he went on discoursing on the Gordon-Bennett affair in French (I never can remember if it's a new submarine or a divorce. Of course, how stupid of me!) To be disagreeably exact, I fancy she missed him by about two inches—over anxiousness probably—but she likes to think she hit him. I've felt that way with a partridge, which I always imagine keeps on flying strong out of false pride till it's the other side of the hedge. She said she could tell me everything she was wearing on the occasion. I said I didn't want my book to read like a laundry list, but she explained that she didn't mean those sort of things.

"And there's the Chilworth boy, who can be charming as long as he's content to be stupid and wear what he's told to; but he gets the idea now and then that he'd like to be epigrammatic and the result is like watching a rook trying to build a nest in a gale. Since he got wind of the book he's been persecuting me to work in something of his about the Russians and the Yalu Peril, and is quite sulky because I won't do it.

"Altogether I think it would be rather a brilliant inspiration if you were to suggest a fortnight in Paris —Saki in the "Westminster Gazette."

AGRARIAN LEGISLATION IN NORTHERN INDIA.

Those who think that the Agra Tenancy Act must soon come again upon the anvil will find support for their views in the Government Resolution on the annual report of the Board of Revenue, says the "Pioneer." Although it is laid down that until landlords and tenants have mastered the provisions of the new law no final judgment on the Act can be reached, there are sufficient indications of dissatisfaction with its working. "So far the results can hardly be described as encouraging" taken in connection with the increase in the number of suits for arrears of rent the increased in the number of ejectment suits is "a matter of grave concern," and landlords show no willingness to give long term leases to their tenants; formal evictions may be stopped at the cost of real evictions and if this be the case so the state of the tenant will be worse than it was before the Act was passed. "work has increased and staffs have had to be strengthened temporarily and will have to be strengthened permanently if things do not mend—and so on. One has grown used to jeremiads on agrarian questions. Many people are beginning to think that all the remedies are worse than the disease, and most people have learned to wish that the old Rent Act had been left alone. Fortunately the number of tenants who come in contact with Rent Courts is small in proportion to the total number of tenants, and the agrarian business of the country goes on in most districts with little reference to the Courts. Figures fluctuate and the causes of the fluctuations remain conjectural. With the present Lieutenant Governor and the present Board one need not be afraid of hasty change or change for its own sake. We are glad to see that the Oudh figures this year are reassuring. Last year the inferences drawn from the Oudh figures were disquieting. Another year the figures for Agra may be less disquieting. For our part we defer opinion until we have seen the report.

REPORTS have reached here, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Standard" on April 4, that while a path was being made through a field at Diebach, near Budingen, a few days ago, the remains of a mammoth were unearthed. Dr. Dorner, of Hamburg, was entrusted with the direction of the further operations, and was successful in recovering an enormous tusk over two metres long and 20 centimetres in diameter. It was broken in two, and was full of earth and stones. The fact that this earth was of a different nature to the soil surrounding the remains, and that the various remains lay scattered apart, indicates that the animal must have been floated to where it became buried. Two molar teeth were also found, one being 20 centimetres long, and weighing 11 pounds. Among the other remains the ribs, thigh, and pelvic bones were best preserved. The remains of another mammoth are also reported as having just been found at Orlau, near the Silesian frontier.

A destructive fire happened in the town of Mong Rai in the Shan States the other day, the whole of the eastern quarter of the town, containing 375 houses, being destroyed. Fortunately, there was no loss of life, but the value of the property lost must have been considerable as the trading community inhabit the eastern quarter. The fire originated in the house of the Sawbwa's doctor's abode at nine o'clock at night. The town has had a most unfortunate record, this being the third large fire within the past five years. In the last fire the Sawba's residence was burned to the ground.

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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

Seeing that we all are, or ought to be, grateful to the man who provides us with a new proverb, we have especial reason for gratitude to the Japanese, who have quite a collection of excellent variants for some of our best-known efforts in this direction. Thus where we say More haste, less speed" a Japanese puts it, If in haste, go round. (ur "Accidents will happen in the best regulated families becomes "Even a monkey sometimes falls from a tree." Out of evil cometh good reappears as "The lotus springs from the mud." Other easily recognisable variants of English proverbs are:—If one play with a tiger trouble may ensue, You cannot fix a nail in a custard. It is hard work scattering fog with a fan, which also appears as "Building bridges to the clouds," or "Baling out the sea with a shell." While, in case of a failure in any such attempt, consolation is conferred with "After all, your own heart makes the world."

The suggestion to solve the colour problem by retransplanting the whole coloured population of America back to Africa, which has again been revived this time by Bishop Derrick, has received a cruel blow at the hands of Mr. Booker Washington. The coloured professor shows by the cold logic of official statistics that negro babies are being born in the States considerably faster than it would be humanly possible to ship adult negroes to Africa. The population increases every day by numbers three times as great as could be shipped in a day with the shipping facilities at present possessed. If these figures are authentic it certainly looks as if the Bishop must seek for another solution of the problem.

Presumably it is but a sign of the times that war in general, and more particularly the present Russo-Japanese war, appears to be generally regarded, not as a death struggle between two great nations, but as an appropriate opportunity for the first-hand study of pictorial and dramatic effects. We have already heard that M. Verestchagin, the Russian painter, went to the Far East to obtain material for future pictures. We have heard also, for that matter, of the proposal to run special tourist steamers to the seat of hostilities. Now the actors of Japan are reported to be going one better. A troupe of the best known among them are reported to be about to start for Korea. After a short season at Seoul, they are to betake themselves to the front in order that they may study the scenes on the battlefield from the point of view of dramatic effect. Some of us will think this is pushing the desire for stage realism too far.

A recent note as to the downfall of a superior person before the bough of unexpected simplicity is recalled by a story now circulating regarding a commercial traveller well known in a certain trade of which wild horses shall not elicit any further particulars. This traveller, like others of his profession, is blessed with many parents. Unlike the majority of others, these parents have recently celebrated their golden wedding. Also, be it said, their son conceives himself to be blessed with the sense of humour. On the day of celebrating the event he was unfortunately compelled by his business duties to be away from home. To show, however, his filial remembrance of the occasion he sent a telegram to his father which, misled by his character for humour, he intended as a witticism, to run: "Is marriage a failure?" Within an hour or so he received his reply, which ran: "No—but its results sometimes are."

The perennial wail of the French public over its Governmentally supplied matches is again making itself heard in the land. One ingenious writer, it is true, has discovered a novel excuse for the eccentricities of Government matches. Children, he points out, frequently play with matches, and not unfrequently set themselves on fire with them. The risk of this is greatly lessened when, as is the case with those sold in France, three out of four of the matches refuse to light on any pretence whatever. The price, as is well known, is extremely high. "Swedish," or safety matches, which are of course much better than those of home manufacture, costing one penny for a box containing sixty. The ingenious statistician declares that of all kinds of matches 33 millilitres are used (or wasted) in a year in France, or 973 per year per Frenchman, which is to say 27-10 per day, a sufficiently low average, one would think. Of the 35,000,000 used, 25,000,000 are imported from abroad. Out of its monopoly the Government draws an income of about 25,000,000f. per annum.

In spite of the oft-repeated wailings that the wells of Europe are being denuded of their finest water by the baleful influence of the Transatlantic dollar, the number of really great pictures which have been sold into bondage are surprisingly few. To take one master-painter as an example—Rembrandt, a magnificent exhibition of whose works was collected a few years ago at Amsterdam. A German critic who has been studying the matter now declares that Germany holds the greatest number of his works, in public and private collections—more than a hundred in all. England comes second with 78; France has fifty-eight. In the United States are less than a dozen. It must be remembered that the critic is a shade severe and it may be a trifle patriotic, so that another writer might be inclined to reverse the positions of the two leading nations; but, however that may be, it is a case of Europe first and the rest nowhere.

The various accounts of the methods which Russia is adopting in order to obtain copies of the Japanese war maps would seem to show that the Russian officer is no more at home in Corea than was our own in South Africa. As a matter of fact, in 1900 Messrs. Svegin and Zow produced, under the auspices of the Russian Ministry of Finance, a "Description of Corea," but more recent visitors have shown that it contains many errors. For instance, the environs of Gensan are shown as covered with forests, where in actual fact there are no trees at all. The distance between the mountains of Pek-tu-chan and those of Tehem-bo-chum is given as some 500 miles greater than they are place by M. Siromnamikof, a more recent explorer. Still more confusing is the transcription of the place-names. Thus, for example, the town which on the Russian map is written as Penjan is pronounced in Corean as if it were Pehon-yang. Some words have varied pronunciations among the Coreans themselves; a mountain peak may either be Neng, Ming, or Zieng, and other instances are plentiful. All of which would seem to show that the Russian Intelligence Department must have its hands full.

Some Russian policemen in the town of Hommel had reason to feel very much annoyed with themselves a day or two back. They received information that a meeting was being held at a house of a well-known Socialist. They accordingly started off, as in duty bound, to raid the premises. When they arrived, however, the door was shut in their faces. Finding it impossible to effect an entrance, they sent for reinforcements. Meanwhile the suspects were busily occupied in burning all their compromising papers. Then it occurred to one of them to look out of a back window. The back of the house was not being watched the whole activity of the police being concentrated on the front. So the meeting quietly got out of a back window and dissolved into space. At last police reinforcements arrived, armed to the teeth. The front door was burst open, and the intrepid police rushed to the assault. Needless to say, they found nothing but some charred bits of paper and a thick smoke. It was very evident that somebody must be arrested, or there would be evil times in store for the zealous guardians of the law. Accordingly they arrested, as suspects, the guests at a wedding breakfast which was taking place at a neighbouring restaurant and carried them all off to the police station there and then. At that point the curtain drops dramatically and we are told no more.

It behoves legislators in these days of press galleries to verify their historical references before they make them. Senator Stewart, of the United States Senate, must be finding this with some bitterness just now, if rumour lieth not. His fall took place during a recent debate on the statue of Frederick the Great which has been presented to the United States by the Kaiser. Senator Bacon strongly objected to the acceptance of the statue, declaring that "from the pedestal of that statue if it be erected it will look down the effigy of a sovereign who despised the multitude; who recognised no law save that of his personal caprice; who believed, as utterly as he believed in the existence of light and air, that the people were created for his service, to live according to his pleasure or to die for his ambitions, just as he might will." Senator Stewart, in reply, said that Frederick the Great was a man of the people, that he had gone as a young man to Holland and learned the trade of shipbuilding and became a mechanic in order that he might know the wants of the people he was to rule. But some unfeeling senators interrupted him with unconcealed titters, and one more unfeeling than the others, pointed out that Mr. Stewart was mixing up Frederick the Great of Prussia with Peter the Great of Russia, after which Senator Stewart sat down hurriedly.

As is frequently the case other legends, we are now given to understand, that the beautiful Greek legend that Aphrodite was born of the sea has its origin in actual fact. That is to say that not only beauty but every other component part of humanity and all other living things had their common origin in the great waters. In a lecture given before the French Academy by M. Edmond Perier it was claimed that the first organic cellules from which all forms of life have been evolved were themselves the product of the deep. Among other things, it was declared that animal blood is a regular aquarium, in which the cellules which compose it continue to exist under their original aquatic conditions. The human body, moreover, contains lead, copper, silver, and gold in the same proportions as does sea water. All of which presents very obvious morals.

An interesting picture of Delane, the famous editor of the "Times," is drawn by Mr. James Shand in the course of an article upon that journal, in the "Cornhill." The editorship was offered him at the age of twenty-four and I remember one day asking if it did not shake his courage. "Not a bit of it," he answered. "What I dislike about you young fellows is that you all shrink from responsibility." Nor was there any boastful self assertion in that, for I have heard the story from his lifelong friend, John Blackwood. The youths were then living together in St. James's Square. One afternoon Delane burst in upon Blackwood, exclaiming, "By G—, John, what do you think has happened? I am editor of "The Times."

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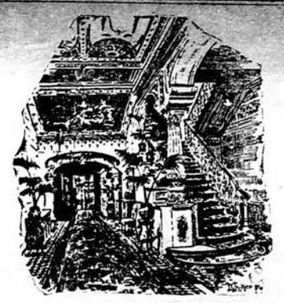

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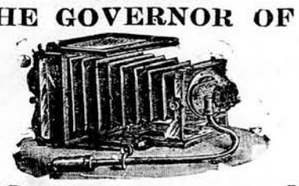

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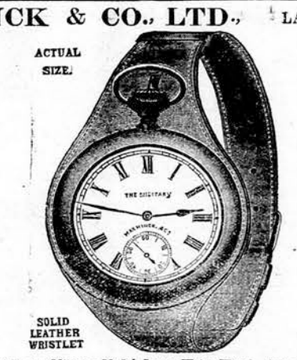

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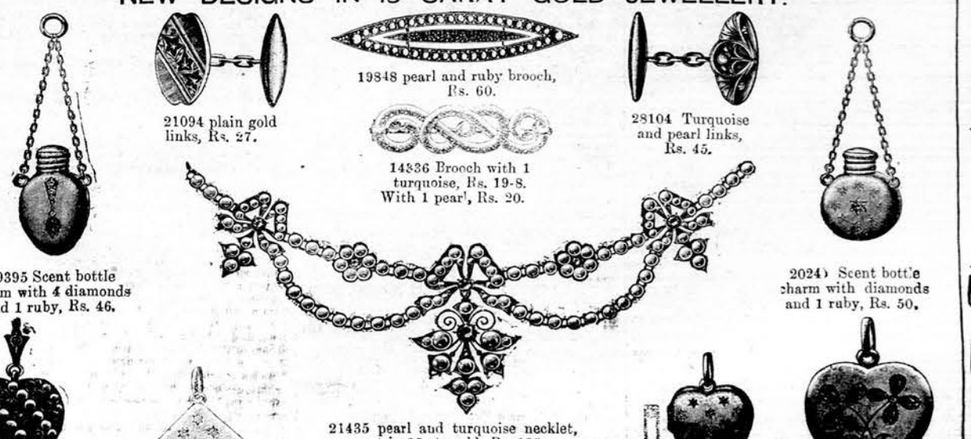

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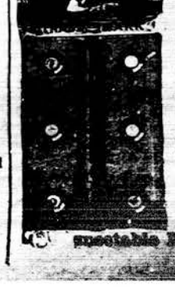

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WHAT a fine scene for a play! So said almost everybody in Theatre land on reading the early reports of this alleged traitorous conduct of Captain Ivkoff, of the Russian Army Service Corps. This, according to the newspapers, was the scene. Ivkoff's wife, informed of her husband's guilt by a secret agency, invited him into her boudoir, and taxed him with his violation of allegiance. Then she told him that he must first shoot her and then himself, or she would denounce him to the authorities. Captain Ivkoff declined to adopt this mode of retreat, and the desperately honourable woman went out and ordered her husband's arrest.

The Ivkoff sensation would indeed make good material for a melodrama of the fur-coat-and-cigarette order (if this is not too veiled a classification of the Red Lamp group), but it would appear that it has been used before. With the view of circulating a warning to the new and unsuspecting dramatist who might already be working round the situation, "A Little-known Actor" (what modesty!) writes from Manchester to say that in an old play called "The War God" he witnessed a scene which contained all the particulars of the one that is reported to have been enacted in Russian real life. "A Little-known Actor" does not say when or where the play was produced, or by whom it was written, and for myself I do not remember ever having heard of the title before. So, as the following scene he describes is evidently from "A Little-known Play," perhaps the new and unsuspecting dramatist might be allowed to make what use he likes of the Ivkoff incident.

The play in question dealt with Russian political life, and the hero of it was suspected of having sold some important State papers to an unfriendly Power. Needless to say that the villain of the piece was alone responsible for the transaction, so far as the selling was concerned, and that justice was satisfied in the end by his removal in ship's-cable fetters to Siberia. But in the meantime there was the scene between the hero and his wife to which I have referred. The woman armed with false information and a revolver, goes to her husband in his study and tells him that she knows all, and that the only honourable way out of the disgrace is by using the pistol against themselves, he to do the shooting. He refused and declares his innocence, but says that life has no more attraction for him now that the suspicion of treason by his own wedded wife has arisen. He will willingly take his own life and leave her to live if she thinks fit. Suddenly, however, it dawns upon him that the villain of the piece is at the bottom of all the mischief (where else should he be?) and determines to live on, if only for the pleasure of killing his enemy. So the wife, still unconvinced, goes out into the night and brings back with her a platoon or two of Russian infantry. Having proved her devotion to the cause of the Government, the fine feelings ensue, and she appeals to the Tsar for a pardon for her husband. The Tsar refuses this particular reward for her loyalty, and the husband is to be shot; but in the nick of time the villain of the piece is discovered to be the traitor, and is marched off in the manner I have described."

Sir Henry Irving, after a most successful and enjoyable tour of the United States, has returned to England safe and sound and in the best of health and spirits. American playgoers were more enthusiastic than ever over the great actor's startling performance of Mathias in The Bells, and their love of the historical in the literature of romance meant splendid houses for the old Lyceum success, Louis XI. But if they enjoyed one thing better than another, perhaps that one thing was Irving's beautiful bit of character work in Sir Conan Doyle's strong little play, "A Story of Waterloo." Their appreciation of his performance of Corporal Brewster, the wheezy and fast fading relic of the Duke of Wellington's forces, amounted almost to a demonstration, and it was over this that Mr. William Winter, the most powerful of the American critics, grew so generous with encomium as to declare in effect, that the stage had never seen, and would never be likely to see, a greater actor than Henry Irving. A specially happy scheme in connection with Sir Henry's return to England is his arrangement, so far as it has at present gone for the repair of the broken stage-partnership between himself and Miss Ellen Terry.

Not Art alone, but Commerce, too, has paid its tributes in America to the genius of Henry Irving. In the window of one of the New York hosiery stores, establishments which are noted for the eccentricity of their show-cards, or, as they are called in America, "window wonder workers," there appeared the following statement during the time that Sir Henry's Mathias was being talked about: "Two Great Attractions! Irving's Bells and Our Bows!" Again, in a hat store not far from the theatre where Sir Henry was announced to appear in a day or two, was the legend: "Of Course You'll See Irving! But Have a look at These First!" The actor's appearance in New York Society in a dress coat with sleeves tightly buttoned round the wrist proved a matter of considerable interest to younger sons, who carried out the idea to their tailors, and had coats made on the same pattern. But they forgot that Sir Henry wears unstarched cuffs to his shirts, and there are rumours of terrible struggles in the trying-on compartments of the "swell" tailors where board-like cuffs were forced down into sleeves that held them like handcuffs, and were a great vexation to the unlearned in Houdinism.

The peasants of Ober-Ammergau are not allowed to appear in the Passion Play away from their native place, or at any other than the appointed time (every ten years), and so on Good Friday, Mr. Mulholland, the proprietor of the King's Theatre, in Hammersmith, presented to his patrons two hundred or more stereoscopic views of the principal tableaux. Many people made the pilgrimage to Hammersmith to witness this next-best-thing to the real production, and were evidently greatly interested, both in the beautiful scenes and the detailed description given of them by Mr. Walter Bentley who told them that the play had been running for three hundred years (at intervals of ten), and that it owed its regular revival to a pious belief that its first performance caused the cessation of the plague which followed the Thirty Years' War. The vow made then by the people of Ober-Ammergau to repeat the performance every ten years had been faithfully carried out by succeeding generations, and, although the peasants of the Bavarian Tyrol were not so deeply devout to-day as in the olden years, there was little doubt that the Miracle Play would go on to the end of time. Visitors to Ober-Ammersmith were soothed with sacred music; alcoholic refreshment was suspended; and general satisfaction reigned in Mr. Mulholland's house when it was whispered around that the showman of the entertainment was the son of an eminent clergyman. Altogether, Mr. Mulholland did the thing as thoroughly as it was possible to do it under the restrictions imposed upon him by the authorities of Ober-Ammergau, and he certainly deserves great praise for his enterprise and the very tactful manner in which it was conducted.

Mr. Arthur Roberts, who has gone over to the Palace for the Easter Holiday programme there, is suffering from the uncomfortable feeling that he may at any moment be violently assaulted by a stranger. He was driving recently in the neighbourhood of Hendon, when suddenly there spluttered up to the side of his victoria a motor-cyclist who desired to be directed to Rickmansworth. It is alas! only too well known by riders and drivers of mere horseflesh, that motor-cycles make a good deal more noise when slowing up than they do when going full speed ahead. This is also recognised by the horses themselves, though not with the same coolness; and the animal in the shafts of the comedian's carriage, fearing that the crack of doom had come and that it had come immediately under its heels made several panic-stricken efforts to escape to an unaffected spot.

Having no idea in what direction Rickmansworth lay and sorrowfully suspecting that if he told the motorist so he would move nearer the horse to make inquiries of the coachman, Mr. Arthur Roberts, with great presence of mind, pointed hurriedly to a long lane he saw on his right and said, "Go straight down there as far you can, and you'll come to it!" Mingling a number of unheard thanks with a series of loud explosions, which so paralysed the horse with the worst apprehensions that it could not, or, at all events, would not, move for a quarter of an hour afterwards, the man on the motor-cycle "scooped" round to the lane that he was so fortunate in finding so quickly, and with so little trouble (to himself), and disappeared in a cloud of white dust. And here is the reason for Mr. Arthur Roberts's anxiety. He had been driving for at least three-quarters of an hour in an utterly opposite direction to that which the motor-cyclist had taken or been given, when what should he come across but—Rickmansworth! Mr. Roberts is denied the ordinary precaution of looking out for the motorist and giving him the slip, for the explosive sportsman was wearing a dust-proof face" at the time of the Hendon interview. Perhaps the many generous contribution the comedian has made to the gaiety of nations may place him beyond the reach of punishment.

Miss Kitty Loftus, who has opened Terry's for a short season with Mr. Frank Stayton's comedy, A Maid from School, is gradually going over to the more serious business of theatricals. She first attracted notice and extracted "notices," by her sprightly acting in Crystal Palace pantomime, in which she impersonated the Jacks and the Dicks of the dramatised nursery books, and won the distinction from a noted critic of being styled "a second Nellie Farren." Burlesque was the next venture of Miss Loftus; then farcical comedy; then musical comedy; then comic Opera. And now it is comedy. "A Maid from School is not a Caste, or a Two Roses or a Sweet Lavender, but it is a brightly-written little piece, with humour and the softer sentiments nicely mingled, and an excellent part for Miss Loftus. Her support consists chiefly of sturdy Mr. J. H. Barnes (handsome Jack, as he used to be called in the days when he was one of London's heroes) and Mr. Herbert Sleath, actor who gave a good account of himself in "The Only Way," when that stirring play was making Martin Harvey's name at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, and who enriched his powers of comedy not many days ago by joining himself in holy matrimony to that most delightful of comediennes, Miss Ellis Jeffreys.

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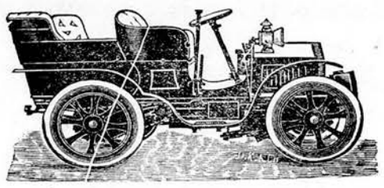

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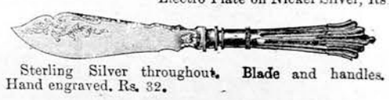

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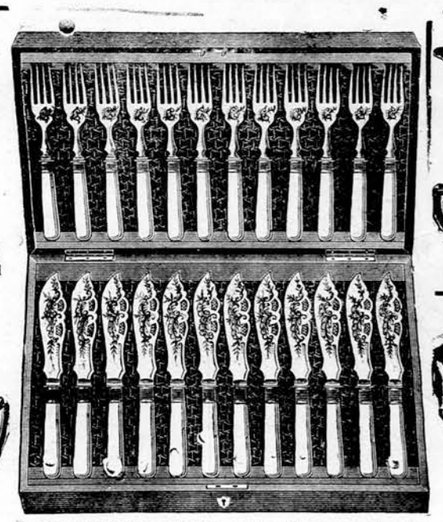

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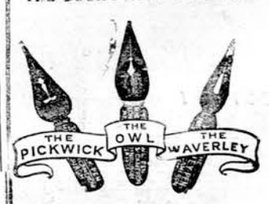

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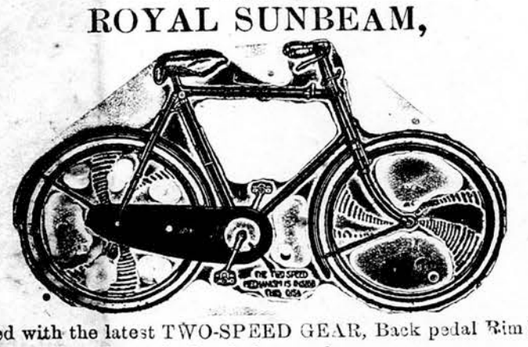

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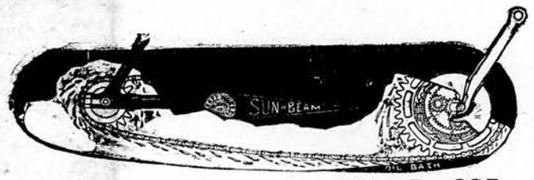

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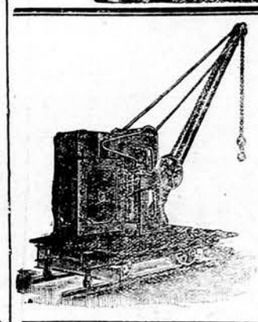

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